LESSONS

FOR

CHILDREN.

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TO ALL

PARENTS and SCHOOL-MASTERS.

1. I HAVE endeavoured in the following Leſſons to ſelect the Plainneſt and the moſt Uſeful Portions of Scripture; ſuch as Children may the moſt eaſily underſtand, and ſuch as it moſt concerns them to know. Theſe are ſet down in the ſame Order, and (generally) the ſame Words, wherein they are delivered by the Spirit of GOD. Where an Expreſſion is leſs eaſy to be underſtood, I have ſubjoined a Word or two by Way of Explication; but taking Care not to detain you from your great Work, with Comments longer than the Text.

2. I cannot but earneſtly intreat you, to take good heed, How you teach theſe deep Things of GOD. Beware of that common, but accurſed, Way, of makeing Children Parrots, inſtead of Chriſtians. Labour that, as far as is poſſible, they may underſtand every ſingle Sentence which they read. Therefore, do not make Haſte. Regard not *how much*,

but *how well*, to how good Purpoſe, they read. Turn each Sentence every Way, propoſe it in every Light, and queſtion them continually on every Point: If by any Means, they may not only *read*, but *inwardly digeſt* the Words of Eternal Life.

3. Mean time you will not fail, with all Diligence to commend both yourſelves and your little ones to Him, without whom you well know neither is he that planteth any Thing, nor he that watereth. You are ſenſible, He alone giveth the Increaſe. May He both miniſter Bread for your own Food, and multiply your Seed ſown, and increaſe the Fruits of your Righteouſneſs.

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PART I.

LESSON I.

Of the Creation.

*IN the beginning GOD created the Heaven and the Earth.

And the Earth was without Form and void; and Darkneſs was upon the Face of the Deep. And the Spirit of GOD moved upon the Face of the Waters.

And GOD ſaid, Let there be Light. And there was Light.

And GOD ſaw the Light that it was good: and GOD divided the Light from the Darkneſs.

And GOD called the Night, Day, and the Darkneſs he called Night. And the Evening and the Morning were the firſt Day.

And GOD ſaid, Let there be a Firmament in the Midſt of the Waters, and let it divide the Waters from the Waters.

And GOD made the Firmament, and divided the Waters which were under the Firmament from the Waters which were above the Firmament.

And GOD called the Firmament Heaven. And the Evening and the Morning were the ſecond Day.

LESSON II.

† And GOD ſaid, Let the Waters under the Heaven be gathered together unto one Place: and let the dry Land appear: and it was ſo.

* *Geneſis*, c. i. v. 1. † V. 9.

And GOD called the dry Land, Earth; and the gathering together of the Waters called he Seas.

And GOD ſaid, Let the Earth bring forth Graſs, the Herb yielding Seed, and the Fruit-Tree yielding Fruit, after his Kind: and it was ſo.

And the Evening and the Morning were the third Day.

And GOD ſaid, Let there be Lights in the Firmament of Heaven, to divide the Day from the Night. And let them be for Signs and for Seaſons and for Days and for Years.

And GOD made two great Lights, the greater Light to rule the Day, and the leſſer Light to rule the Night. He made the Stars alſo.

And GOD ſet them in the Firmament of the Heaven, to give Light upon the Earth.

And the Evening and the Morning were the fourth Day.

And GOD ſaid, Let the Waters bring forth abundantly the moving Creature that hath Life, and Fowl that may fly above the Earth, in the open Firmament of Heaven.

And GOD created great Whales, and every living Thing that moveth, which the Waters brought forth abundantly after their Kind, and every winged Fowl after his Kind.

And GOD bleſſed them, ſaying, Be fruitful and fill the Waters in the Seas, and let Fowl multiply in the Earth.

And the Evening and the Morning were the fifth Day.

LESSON III.

* And GOD ſaid, Let the Earth bring forth the living Creature after his Kind, Cattle and creeping Thing and Beaſt of the Earth.

And GOD made the Beaſt of the Earth, and Cattle and every Thing that creepeth upon the Earth, after its Kind. And GOD ſaw that it was good.

And GOD ſaid, Let us make Man in our Image, after

* Ver. 24, &c.

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our Likeneſs: and let them have Dominion over the Fiſh of the Sea, and over the Fowl of the Air, and over the Cattle, and over all the Earth, and over every creeping Thing that creepeth upon the Earth.

So GOD created Man in his own Image. In the Image of GOD created he him: Male and Female created he them.

And GOD bleſſed them, and ſaid unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the Earth and ſubdue it: and have Dominion over the Fiſh of the Sea, and over the Fowl of the Air, and over every living Thing that moveth upon the Earth.

And GOD ſaid, Behold I have given you every Herb bearing Seed, which is upon the Face of all the Earth, and every Tree in the which is the Fruit of a Tree yielding Seed: to you it ſhall be for Meat.

And to every Beaſt of the Earth and to every Fowl of the Air, and to every Thing that creepeth upon the Earth, wherein there is Life, I have given every green Herb for Meat: and it was ſo.

And GOD ſaw every Thing that he had made, and behold it was very Good. And the Evening and the Morning were the ſixth Day.

LESSON IV.

Of Paradiſe.

‡ Thus the Heavens and Earth were finiſhed, and all the Hoſt of them.

And on the ſeventh Day GOD ended his Work which he had made, and he reſted on the ſeventh Day from all the Work which he had made.

And GOD bleſſed the ſeventh Day, and ſanctified it: becauſe in it he had reſted from all his Work which GOD created and made.

* And the Lord GOD formed Man of the Duſt of the Ground, and breathed into his Noſtrils the Breath of Life; and Man became a living Soul.

And the Lord GOD planted a Garden in Eden, and there he put the Man whom he had formed.

‡ Ver. 1, &c. * Ver. 7, &c.

And

And out of the Ground made the Lord GOD to grow every Tree that is pleaſant to the Sight and good for Food; the Tree of Life alſo in the Midſt of the Garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

† And the Lord GOD commanded the Man, ſaying, of every Tree of the Garden thou mayeſt freely eat:

But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil thou ſhalt not eat: in the Day thou eateſt thereof thou ſhalt ſurely die.

And the Lord GOD ſaid, It is not good that the Man ſhould be alone: I will make him an Help meet for him.

And the Lord GOD brought every Beaſt of the Field unto Adam, and every Fowl of the Air:

And Adam gave Names to all Cattle, and to the Fowl of the Air, and to every Beaſt of the Field: but there was not found an Help meet for him.

And the Lord GOD cauſed a deep Sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took one of his Ribs, and cloſed up his Fleſh in the Stead thereof.

And the Rib made he a Woman. And Adam ſaid, this is Bone of my Bones, and Fleſh of my Fleſh.

Therefore ſhall a Man leave his Father and Mother and cleave unto his Wife; and they ſhall be one Fleſh.

And they were both naked, the Man and his Wife, and were not aſhamed.

LESSON V.

Of the Fall of Man.

* Now the Serpent was more ſubtle than any Beaſt of the Field. And ‡ he ſaid unto the Woman, Yea, Hath GOD ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of every Tree of the Garden?

And the Woman ſaid, we may eat of the Fruit of the Garden:

But of the Fruit of the Tree which is in the Midſt of the Garden, GOD hath ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of it; neither ſhall ye touch it, leſt ye die.

And the Serpent ſaid, Ye ſhall not ſurely die: for

† Ver. 16, *&c.* * Chap. iii. V. 1. *&c.*
‡ *i. e.* The Devil in the Serpent.

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God doth know, That in the Day ye eat thereof, your Eyes ſhall be opened, and ye ſhall be as Gods, knowing Good and Evil.

And when the Woman ſaw, that the Tree was good for Food, and that it was pleaſant to the Eyes, and a Tree to be deſired to make one wiſe, ſhe took of the Fruit thereof and did eat, and gave unto her Huſband, and he did eat.

And their Eyes were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they ſewed Fig-leaves together, and made themſelves Aprons.

And they heard the Voice of the Lord God walking in the Garden. And they hid themſelves from the Preſence of the Lord God among the Trees of the Garden.

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and ſaid, Where art thou?

And he ſaid, I heard thy Voice, and I was afraid, becauſe I was naked, and I hid myſelf.

And he ſaid, Who told thee that thou waſt naked? Haſt thou eaten of the Tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou ſhouldeſt not eat?

And the Man ſaid, The Woman whom thou gaveſt to be with me, ſhe gave me of the Tree and I did eat.

And the Lord God ſaid unto the Woman, What is this that thou haſt done? And ſhe ſaid, The Serpent beguiled me and I did eat.

And the Lord God ſaid unto the Serpent, Becauſe thou haſt done this, upon thy Belly ſhalt thou go, and Duſt ſhalt thou eat, all the Days of thy Life.

And I will put Enmity between thee and the Woman and between thy Seed and her Seed *. It ſhall bruiſe thy Head, and thou ſhalt bruiſe his Heel.

Unto the Woman he ſaid, I will greatly multiply thy Sorrow and thy Conception: in Sorrow thou ſhalt bring forth Children, and thy Huſband ſhall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he ſaid, Becauſe as thou haſt hearkened unto the Voice of thy Wife, curſed is the Ground for thy Sake: in Sorrow ſhalt thou eat of it all the Days of thy Life.

In the Sweat of thy Face ſhalt thou eat Bread, till

* Or He, *i. e.* Christ, the Seed of the Woman.

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thou return unto the Ground, out of which thou waſt taken; for Duſt thou art, and unto Duſt thou ſhalt return.

And the Lord GOD ſent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the Ground from whence he was taken.

LESSON VI.

Of Cain *and* Abel.

* And Adam knew Eve his Wife, and ſhe bare Cain. And ſhe again bare his Brother Abel. And Abel was a Keeper of Sheep, but Cain was a Tiller of the Ground.

And Cain brought of the Fruit of the Ground an Offering to the Lord.

And Abel alſo brought of the Firſtlings of his Flock, and of the Fat thereof.

And the Lord had reſpect unto Abel and to his Offering, but unto Cain and to his Offering he had not reſpect.

And Cain was very wroth: and the Lord ſaid unto Cain, Why art thou wroth?

If thou doeſt well ſhalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doeſt not well, ‡ Sin lieth at the Door.

And Cain talked with Abel his Brother; and Cain roſe up againſt Abel his Brother and ſlew him.

And the Lord ſaid unto Cain, Where is Abel thy Brother? and he ſaid, I know not, am I my Brother's Keeper?

And he ſaid, What haſt thou done? The Voice of thy Brother's Blood crieth to me from the Ground.

And now thou art curſed from the Earth, which hath opened her Mouth to receive thy Brother's Blood from thy Hand.

When thou tilleſt the Ground, it ſhall not henceforth yield unto thee her Strength; a Fugitive and a Vagabond ſhalt thou be upon the Earth.

And Cain went out from the Preſence of the Lord. And Cain's Wife conceived and bare Enoch.

And he built a City, and called the City after the Name of his Son Enoch.

* c. iv. v. 1. *&c.* ‡ *i. e.* Sin only hinders thy being accepted.

And

* And Eve bare a Son, and called his Name Seth. And to Seth alſo was born Enos. ‡ Then began Men to call upon the Name of the Lord.

LESSON VII.

Of Adam, Enoch *and* Noah.

‖ And Adam lived an hundred and thirty Years, and begat a Son in his own Likeneſs, after his own Image.

And all the Days that Adam lived, were nine hundred and thirty Years, and he died.

§ And Enoch lived ſixty and five Years, and begat Methuſelah.

And all the Days of Enoch were three hundred, ſixty and five Years.

And Enoch walked with God. And he was not; for God took him. ¶

And all the Days of Methuſelah were nine hundred, ſixty and nine Years, and he died.

† And the Lord ſaid, My Spirit ſhall not always ſtrive with Man. Yet his Days ſhall be one hundred and twenty Years. ‖‖

And God ſaw that the Wickedneſs of Man was great, and that every Imagination of the Thoughts of his Heart was only Evil continually.

And the Lord ſaid, I will deſtroy from the Face of the Earth both Man and Beaſt.

But Noah found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord.

Noah was a juſt Man; and Noah walked with God.

And Noah begat three Sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

And God looked upon the Earth, and it was filled with Violence, and all Fleſh had corrupted his Way upon the Earth.

And God ſaid unto Noah, The End of all Fleſh is come before me: I will deſtroy them with the Earth.

Make thee an Ark: Rooms ſhalt thou make in it, and ſhalt pitch it within and without.

* v. 25. ‡ *viz.* in Publick Worſhip. ‖ c. v. 3. § v. 21. ¶ *i. e.* to himſelf. † c. vi. 3. ‖‖ before I bring the Flood.

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The Length of the Ark ſhall be three hundred Cubits, the Breadth of it fifty Cubits, and the Height thirty Cubits.

A Window ſhalt thou make to the Ark, and the Door ſhalt thou ſet in the Side thereof.

And behold, I even I do bring a Flood of Waters upon the Earth, to deſtroy all Fleſh from under Heaven.

But with thee will I eſtabliſh my Covenant, and thou ſhalt come into the Ark, thou, and thy Sons, and thy Wife, and thy Sons Wives with thee.

And of every living Thing, two of every Sort, ſhalt thou bring into the Ark to keep them alive with thee; they ſhall be Male and Female.

And take thou unto thee of all Food that is eaten, and it ſhall be for Food for thee and for them.

Thus did Noah: According to all that GOD commanded him, ſo did he.

LESSON VIII.

Of the Flood.

† In the ſix hundredth Year of Noah's Life, in the ſecond Month, the ſeventeenth Day of the Month, were all the Fountains of the great Deep ‡ broken up, and the Windows of Heaven were opened.

And the Rain was upon the Earth forty Days and forty Nights.

In the ſelfſame Day entered Noah and his Sons and Noah's Wife, and the three Wives of his Sons, into the Ark.

They, and every Beaſt, and creeping Thing and every Fowl went in into the Ark; and the Lord ſhut them in.

And the Waters increaſed, and bare up the Ark, and it was lifted up above the Earth.

And the Waters prevailed exceedingly, and all the high Hills which were under the whole Heaven were covered.

§ Fifteen Cubits upwards did the Waters prevail; and the Mountains were covered.

† c. vii. v. 11, *&c.*

‡ contained till then in the Earth, 2 Pet. iii. 5.

§ *i. e.* above the Tops of the Hills.

And

And all Fleſh died that moved upon the Earth, both Man and Cattle and the creeping Things and the Fowl of the Heaven. Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the Ark.

And the Waters prevailed upon the Earth an hundred and fifty Days.

† And GOD made a Wind to paſs over the Earth, and the Waters aſſwaged.

The Fountains alſo of the Deep, and the Windows of Heaven were ſtopped, and the Rain was reſtrained.

And the Ark reſted in the ſeventh Month, on the ſeventeenth Day of the Month, upon the Mountains of Ararat.

And the Waters decreaſed continually; and on the firſt Day of the tenth Month, were the Tops of the Mountains ſeen.

And at the End of forty Days, Noah opened the Windows of the Ark, and he ſent forth a Dove:

But the Dove found no Reſt for the Sole of her Foot: and ſhe returned unto him into the Ark.

And he ſtayed ſeven Days, and ſent forth the Dove again out of the Ark.

And the Dove came to him again in the Evening, and lo, in her Mouth was an Olive-leaf. So Noah knew that the Waters were abated.

And he ſtayed yet other ſeven Days, and ſent forth the Dove, which returned not unto him any more.

LESSON IX.

Of the End of the Flood.

* In the ſix hundredth and firſt Year, in the firſt Month, Noah looked forth, and behold the Face of the Ground was dry.

And in the ſecond Month, GOD ſpake unto Noah, ſaying, Go forth of the Ark, thou and all that are with thee.

And Noah went forth, and all that were with him. And Noah offered Burnt-offerings unto the Lord.

And the Lord ſaid, I will not again curſe the Ground any more for Man's Sake.

† *c.* viii. v. 1. *&c.* * v. 13.

While the Earth remaineth, Seed-time and Harveſt, and Summer and Winter, and Day and Night, ſhall not ceaſe.

† And God bleſſed Noah and his Sons, and ſaid unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the Earth.

Every moving Thing that liveth ſhall be Meat for you, even as the green Herb. ‡

But Fleſh with the Life thereof, which is the Blood, ye ſhall not eat.

Alſo, whoſo ſheddeth Man's Blood, by Man ſhall his Blood be ſhed.

And behold, I eſtabliſh my Covenant with you and with your Seed, and with every living Creature; neither ſhall all Fleſh be cut off any more by the Waters of a Flood.

And God ſaid, This is the Token of the Covenant which I make, for perpetual Generations:

I do ſet my * Bow in the Cloud, and it ſhall be for a Token of a Covenant between Me and the Earth.

And the Waters ſhall no more become a Flood, to deſtroy all Fleſh.

And the Sons of Noah were Shem, Ham and Japheth. Of them was the whole Earth overſpread.

And all the Days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty Years; and he died.

LESSON X.

Of the Tower of Babel, *and the Birth of* Abraham.

§ And the whole Earth was of one Language. And as they journeyed from the Eaſt, they found a Plain in the Land of Shinar.

And they ſaid one to another, Let us build a City, and a Tower, whoſe Top may reach unto Heaven; and let us make us a ‖ Name, leſt we be ſcattered abroad upon the Face of the whole Earth.

And the Lord ſaid, Behold, the People is one, and they have all one Language: and now ¶ nothing will

† c. ix. v. 1, *&c.* ‡ which till then was the only Food of Men. * The Rainbow. § c. xi. v. 1, *&c.* ‖ or a Place, a Refuge.

¶ *i. e.* if they are not prevented.

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be reſtrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Let us confound their Language, that they may not underſtand one another's Speech.

So the Lord * ſcattered them abroad from thence, upon the Face of all the Earth.

Therefore is the Name of † it called ‡ Babel; becauſe the Lord did there confound the Language of all the Earth.

Shem was an hundred Years old, and begat Arphaxad, two Years after the Flood.

And Shem lived, after he begat Arphaxad, five hundred Years, and begat Sons and Daughters.

And Arphaxad begat Salah, and Salah begat Eber, and Eber begat Peleg, and Peleg begat Reu.

And Reu begat Serug, and Serug begat Nahor, and Nahor begat Terah.

And Terah begat Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

And the Name of Abram's Wife was Sarai: But ſhe was barren; ſhe had no Child.

And Terah took Abram, and Lot, and Sarai; and went from Ur to go into the Land of Canaan. And they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. §

LESSON XI.

Of GOD's Promiſes to Abram, *and of his Journies.*

¶ Now the Lord had ſaid unto Abram, Get thee out of thy Country, and from thy Kindred, unto a Land that I will ſhew thee.

And I will make of thee a great Nation, and I will bleſs thee, and thou ſhalt be a Bleſſing.

And I will bleſs them that bleſs thee, and curſe him that curſeth thee. And ‖ in thee ſhall all the Families of the Earth be bleſſed.

So Abram departed, and Lot went with him. And Abram was ſeventy and five Years old, when he departed out of Haran.

* by confounding their Language. † of the Tower.
‡ *i. e.* Confuſion. § ſtopping ſhort of Cannaan.
¶ c. xii. v. 1, *&c.* ‖ *i. e.* in thy Seed, in Christ.

And they went forth to go into the Land of Canaan, and into the Land of Canaan they came.

And the Lord appeared unto Abram and ſaid, Unto thy Seed will I give this Land.

And there was a Famine in the Land. And Abram went down into Egypt to * ſojourn there.

† And Abram went up out of Egypt, and his Wife, and Lot, and all that he had.

And he went on his Journies to ‡ Beth-el, and there he ‖ called on the Name of the Lord.

And Lot alſo which went with Abram, had Flocks and Herds and Tents.

And the Land was not able to bear them; for their Subſtance was great, ſo that they could not dwell together.

And Abram ſaid unto Lot, If thou wilt take the Left Hand, then will I go to the Right: Or if thou depart to the Right Hand, then I will go to the Left.

And Lot lifted up his Eyes, and beheld all the Plain of Jordan, that it was well watered, even as the Garden of the Lord.

Then Lot choſe him all the Plain of Jordan, and pitched his Tent toward Sodom.

And the Lord ſaid unto Abram, Lift up now thine Eyes; all the Land thou ſeeſt will I give to thee and to thy Seed for ever.

And I will make thy Seed as the Duſt of the Earth, ſo that if a Man can number the Duſt of the Earth, then ſhall alſo thy Seed be numbered.

Then Abram removed and dwelt in the Plains of Mamre, and built there an Altar unto the Lord.

LESSON XII.

Of Abram's *reſcuing* Lot, *and of* Melchizedek.

§ And it came to paſs, that in the Days of Amraphel, King of Shinar, Arioch King of Ellaſar, Chedorlaomer King of Elam, and Tidal King of Nations:

* to ſtay a while † c. 13. v. 1, &c.
‡ that is, the Houſe of God.
‖ ſettled a Place for Publick Worſhip.
§ c. xiv. v. 1, &c.

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That Chedorlaomer and the Kings that were with him came up, and joined Battle with the King of Sodom, the King of Gomorrah, the King of Admah, the King of Zeboim, and the King of Zoar.

And the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled. And they ¶ took all the Goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their Victuals and went their way.

And they took Lot, who dwelt in Sodom, and his Goods, and departed.

And when Abram heard that his Brother was taken Captive, he armed his Servants and purſued them.

And he ſmote them, and brought back all the Goods, and Lot and his Goods, and the Women and the People.

And Melchizedek King of Salem, brought forth Bread and Wine: and he was the Prieſt of the moſt high God.

And he bleſſed him and ſaid, Bleſſed be Abram of the moſt high God, Poſſeſſor of Heaven and Earth.

And bleſſed be the moſt high God, which hath delivered thine Enemies into thy Hand. And * he gave him Tithes of all.

And the King of Sodom ſaid to Abram, Give me the Perſons, and take the Goods to thyſelf.

And Abram ſaid unto the King of Sodom, I have liſt up mine Hand unto the moſt high God, the Poſſeſſor of Heaven and Earth.

That I will not take any thing that is thine, leſt thou ſhouldſt ſay, I have made Abram rich.

LESSON XIII.

Of God's *farther Promiſes to* Abram.

‖ After theſe Things, § the Word of the Lord came unto Abram, ſaying, Fear not: I am thy Shield and thy exceeding great Reward.

And Abram ſaid, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, ſeeing I go childleſs?

And the Lord brought him forth abroad and ſaid, look

¶ the four Kings. * Abram ‖ c. 15. v. 1. &c.
§ that is, CHRIST.

now towards Heaven and tell the Stars, if thou be able to number them. And he ſaid, ſo ſhall thy Seed be.

And he believed in the Lord: And he counted it to him for Righteouſneſs.

And when the Sun was going down, a deep Sleep fell upon Abram. And lo an Horror of great Darkneſs fell upon him. And the Lord ſaid unto Abram,

Know of a Surety, that thy Seed ſhall be a Stranger in a Land that is not theirs.

But that Nation whom they ſhall ſerve, will I judge. And afterward ſhall they come out with great Subſtance.

In the fourth Generation they ſhall come hither again; for the Iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

And thou ſhalt go to thy Fathers in Peace; thou ſhalt be buried in a good, old Age.

¶ And when Abram was ninety Years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram and ſaid, I am the Almighty GOD, walk before me and be thou perfect.

And thy Name ſhall no more be called Abram, * but Abraham; for I have made thee a Father of many Nations.

And I will eſtabliſh my Covenant between Me and thee, and thy Seed after thee in their Generations, for an everlaſting Covenant, to be a GOD unto thee and to thy Seed after thee.

And GOD ſaid unto Abraham, Thou ſhalt keep my Covenant therefore, thou and thy Seed after thee.

Every Man-child among you, ſhall be circumciſed, and it ſhall be a Token of the Covenant betwixt me and you.

And as for Sarai thy Wife, thou ſhalt not call her Sarai, but † Sarah ſhall her Name be.

And ſhe ſhall bear thee a Son, at this ſet Time, in the next Year, and thou ſhalt call his Name Iſaac. And I will eſtabliſh my Covenant with him, for an everlaſting Covenant, and with his Seed after him.

And Abraham took all that were in his Houſe, every Male, and circumciſed them in the ſelf-ſame Day.

¶ c. 17. v. 1, &c. * v. 5. † v. 15.

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Of Abraham's *Interceſſion for* Sodom.

† And the ‡ Lord appeared unto him in the Plains Mamre. And he lifted up his Eyes, and lo! three Men ſtood by him.

And he ran to meet them, and bowed himſelf toward the Ground and ſaid, My Lord, if I have found Favour in thy Sight,

Paſs not away, I pray thee from thy Servant; but reſt yourſelves under the Tree:

And they ſaid unto him, Where is Sarah thy Wife? and he ſaid, Behold, in the Tent.

And he ſaid, Sarah thy Wife ſhall have a Son. And Sarah heard it, and laughed within herſelf.

And the Lord ſaid unto Abraham, wherefore did Sarah laugh? Is any thing too hard for the Lord?

And the Men ‖ roſe up from thence and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them.

And the Lord ſaid, ſhall I hide from Abraham the Thing which I do; ſeeing all the Nations of the Earth ſhall be bleſſed in him?

For I know him, that he will command his Children and his Houſhold after him, and they ſhall keep the Way of the Lord, to do Juſtice and Judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham all that he hath ſpoken of him.

And the Lord ſaid, Becauſe the Cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and becauſe their Sin is very grievous,

I will go down now and ſee whether they have done altogether according to the Cry, which is come unto me.

And the Men turned and went toward Sodom; but Abraham ſtood yet before the Lord.

And Abraham drew near and ſaid, Wilt thou alſo deſtroy the Righteous with the Wicked?

Peradventure there be fifty Righteous within the City; wilt Thou not ſpare it for the fifty Righteous that are therein?

† c. xviii. v. 1. ‡ namely, The Three One God.

‖ that is, either God himſelf, or Angels, in the Form of Men.

That

That be far from Thee, that the Righteous ſhould be as the Wicked. Shall not the Judge of all the Earth do right?

And the Lord ſaid, If I find in Sodom fifty Righteous, I will ſpare all the Place for their Sakes.

And Abraham ſaid, Behold, I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord, who am but Duſt and Aſhes:

Peradventure there ſhall lack five of the fifty Righteous. Wilt thou deſtroy all the City for lack of five?

And he ſaid, If I find there forty and five, I will not deſtroy it.

And he ſpake again, and ſaid, Peradventure there ſhall be forty found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for forty's Sake.

And he ſaid unto him, O let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak. Peradventure there ſhall thirty be found there. And he ſaid, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

And he ſaid, Peradventure there ſhall be twenty found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for twenty's Sake.

And he ſaid, O let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak but this once. Peradventure ten ſhall be found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for ten's Sake.

And the Lord went his Way as ſoon as he had left ‡ communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his Place.

LESSON XV.

Of the Deſtruction of Sodom *and* Gomorrah.

† And there came two Angels to Sodom at Even. And Lot ſaw them, and bowed himſelf, and ſaid,

Behold now, my Lords, turn in, I pray you, to your Servant's Houſe. And they turned in.

And the Men of Sodom, both old and young, compaſſed the Houſe, and ſaid, Bring out the Men unto us, that we may know them.

‡ that is, talking. † c. 19. v. 1, &c.

And

And Lot went out unto them, and ſaid, I pray you, Brethren, do not ſo wickedly.

And they ſaid, Stand back. And they preſſed ſore upon Lot, and came near, to break the Door.

But the § Men put forth their Hand, and pulled Lot into the Houſe, and ſhut to the Door.

And they ſmote the Men that were at the Door with Blindneſs, ſo that they wearied themſelves to find the Door.

And the Men ſaid unto Lot, Whatſoever thou haſt, bring them out of this Place.

For we will deſtroy this Place; becauſe the Cry of it is great before the Lord. And the Lord hath ſent us to deſtroy it.

And Lot went out, and ſpake unto his Sons-in-Law, and ſaid, Up, get you out of this Place: for the Lord will deſtroy this City. But he ſeemed to them as one that mocked.

And when the Morning aroſe, the Angels haſtened Lot, ſaying, Ariſe, take thy Wife and thy two Daughters; leſt thou be conſumed in the Iniquity of the City.

And while he lingered, the Men laid hold upon his Hand, the Lord being merciful unto him:

And when they had brought him without the City, ‖ he ſaid, Eſcape for thy Life, look not behind thee, neither ſtay thou in all the Plain: eſcape to the Mountain, leſt thou be conſumed.

And Lot ſaid, O not ſo, my Lord. Behold, this City is near to flee unto. O let me eſcape thither. (Is it not a little one?) And my Soul ſhall live.

And he ſaid, See, I have accepted thee concerning this Thing. I will not overthrow this City for which thou haſt ſpoken.

Haſte thee, eſcape thither; for I cannot do any Thing till thou be come thither.

The Sun was riſen upon the Earth, when Lot entered into Zoar.

§ Angels, in the Shape of Men.
‖ that is, the LORD.

Then

Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah, Brimſtone and Fire from the Lord out of Heaven.

And he overthrew thoſe Cities, and all the Plain, and all the Inhabitants of the Cities, and that which grew on the Ground.

But his Wife looked back from behind him, and ſhe became a Pillar of Salt.

LESSON XVI.

Of the Birth and Offering up of Iſaac.

* And the Lord viſited Sarah, and ſhe conceived and bare Abraham a Son.

And Abraham called his Name Iſaac. And Abraham circumciſed him, being eight Days old.

And Abraham was an hundred Years old, when his Son Iſaac was born unto him.

† And it came to paſs, after theſe Things, that God did ‡ tempt Abraham, and ſaid unto him, Abraham! And he ſaid, Here I am.

And he ſaid, Take now thy Son, thine only Son, Iſaac, whom thou loveſt, and get thee into the Land of Moriah. And offer him there for a Burnt-offering, upon one of the Mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham roſe up early in the Morning, and took Iſaac, and two of his young Men, and went unto the Place of which God had told him.

Then on the third Day, Abraham ſaw the Place afar off, and ſaid unto his young Men, Abide you here.

And Abraham took the Wood of the Burnt-offering, and laid it upon Iſaac. And he took the Fire in his Hand, and a Knife. And they went both of them together.

And Iſaac ſaid unto Abraham, My Father, behold the Fire and the Wood. But where is the Lamb for a Burnt-offering?

And Abraham ſaid, My Son, God will provide himſelf a Lamb for a Burnt-offering.

* c. 21. v. 1. *&c.* † c. 22. v. 1. *&c.*

‡ that is, try.

And

And they came to the Place, and Abraham built an Altar there, and laid the Wood in Order, and bound Iſaac, and laid him on the Wood:

And Abraham ſtretched forth his Hand, and took the Knife to ſlay his Son.

And the † Angel of the Lord called unto him out of Heaven, and ſaid, Abraham, Abraham! And he ſaid, Here am I.

And he ſaid, Lay not thine Hand upon the Lad, neither do thou any Thing unto him. For now I know that thou feareſt GOD, ſeeing thou haſt not with-held thy Son, thine only Son from me.

And the Angel of the Lord called unto Abraham the ſecond Time, and ſaid,

By myſelf have I ſworn, ſaith the Lord, Becauſe thou haſt done this Thing,

That in bleſſing I will bleſs thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy Seed as the Stars of the Heaven.

And in thy Seed ſhall all the Nations of the Earth be bleſſed, becauſe thou haſt obeyed my Voice.

LESSON XVII.

Of the Marriage of Iſaac.

And Abraham was old, and he ſaid unto his eldeſt Servant, that ruled over all that he had,

Thou ſhalt not take a Wife unto my Son of the Daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

But thou ſhalt go into my Country, and the Lord ſhall ſend his Angel before thee, and ſhalt take a Wife unto my Son from thence.

And the Servant took ten Camels, and went unto Meſopotamia, unto the City of Nahor.

And he ſaid, O Lord God of my Maſter Abraham, I pray thee, ſend me good Speed this Day.

Behold, I ſtand here by the Well, and the Women of the City come out to draw Water:

The Damſel to whom I ſhall ſay, Let down thy Pitcher, that I may drink, and ſhe ſhall ſay, Drink,

† that is CHRIST. ‡ c. 24. v. 1. &c.

and

and I will give thy Camels drink alſo: Let the ſame be ſhe that thou haſt appointed for thy Servant Iſaac.

And before he had done ſpeaking Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, Son of Nahor, Abraham's Brother.

And ſhe went and filled her Pitcher. And the Servant ſaid, Let me I pray thee, drink of thy Pitcher.

And ſhe ſaid, Drink, and I will draw Water for thy Camels alſo. And when the Camels had done drinking,

He ſaid, whoſe Daughter art thou? Is there Room in thy Father's Houſe for us to lodge?

And ſhe ſaid, I am the Daughter of Bethuel, the Son of Nahor. We have Provender enough and room to lodge in.

And the Man bowed down his Head and worſhipped the Lord. And he ſaid, Bleſſed be the Lord GOD of my Maſter Abraham, who hath led me to my Maſter's Brethren. And the Damſel ran, and told them theſe Things.

And Rebekah had a Brother, and his Name was Laban and he ran out, and came unto the Man and ſaid,

Come in, thou bleſſed of the Lord. And the Man came into the Houſe.

And he ſaid, I am Abraham's Servant. Sarah bare a Son to my Maſter when he was old.

And my Maſter made me ſwear, Thou ſhalt not take a Wife to my Son of the Daughters of the Canaanites:

But thou ſhalt go unto my Father's Houſe and to my Kindred, and take a Wife unto my Son.

And now, if you will deal kindly and truly with my Maſter, tell me. And if not, tell me; that I may turn to the Right-hand or to the Left.

Then Laban and Bethuel anſwered and ſaid, The Thing proceedeth from the LORD.

Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her and go. Let her be thy Maſter's Son's Wife, as the Lord hath ſpoken.

And in the Morning Rebekah aroſe, and her Damſels, and they rode upon the Camels, and followed the Man.

And Iſaac went out to meditate in the Field at Eventide. And when Rebekah ſaw Iſaac, ſhe lighted off the Camel.

For ſhe had ſaid unto the Servant, What Man is this? And the Servant had ſaid, It is my Maſter.

And Iſaac brought Rebekah into his Tent, and took Rebekah, and ſhe became his Wife.

LESSON XVIII.

Of Abraham's *Death, of* God's *Promiſes to* Iſaac; *and of the Birth of* Eſau *and* Jacob.

‖ And theſe are the Days of the Years of Abraham, an hundred, threeſcore and fifteen Years.

And Abraham gave up the Ghoſt, and died in a good old Age, and was gathered to his People.

And Iſaac was forty Years old when he took Rebekah to Wife. And Iſaac intreated the Lord for her, becauſe ſhe was barren.

And ſhe conceived, and the Children ſtruggled together within her. And ſhe ſaid, Why am I thus?

And the Lord ſaid unto her, Two Nations are in thy Womb. And the one People ſhall be ſtronger than the other People. And ¶ the Elder ſhall ſerve the Younger.

And when her Days were fulfilled, there were Twins in her Womb. And the Elder came out red: and they called his Name Eſau.

And after that came his Brother, and his Hand took hold on Eſau's Heel. And his Name was called Jacob. And Iſaac was threeſcore Years old when ſhe bare them.

And the Boys grew. And Jacob ſod Pottage. And Eſau came from the Field, and he was faint.

And Eſau ſaid, Feed me with that Pottage. And Jacob ſaid, Sell me this Day thy Birth-right.

‖ c. 25. v. 7, &c. ¶ Obſerve, This is ſpoken of the Nations, not of the Perſons.

And he ſold his Birth-right unto Jacob: Then Jacob gave him Pottage. Thus Eſau deſpiſed his Birth-right.

* And the Lord appeared unto Iſaac and ſaid, Sojourn in this Land, and I will be with thee and will bleſs thee.

For unto thee and unto thy Seed I will give all theſe Countries; and in thy Seed ſhall the Nations of the Earth be bleſſed:

Becauſe that Abraham obeyed my Voice, and kept my Commandments and my Laws.

And he went up from thence to Beer-ſheba. And the Lord appeared unto him the ſame Night and ſaid,

Fear not: for I am with thee, and will bleſs thee, and multiply thy Seed for my Servant Abraham's Sake.

LESSON XIX.

Of Jacob's *Journey, and Viſion.*

§ And Iſaac called Jacob and bleſſed him, and ſaid, Thou ſhalt not take a Wife of the Daughters of Canaan:

Ariſe, go to Padan-aram, and take thee a Wife of the Daughters of Laban, thy Mother's Brother.

And Jacob went out, and he lighted on a certain Place, and tarried there all Night, becauſe the Sun was ſet.

And he took Stones, and put them for his Pillows, and lay down to ſleep.

And he dreamed, and behold a Ladder ſet up on the Earth, and the Top of it reached to Heaven: and behold, the Angels of God aſcending and deſcending on it.

And behold, the Lord ſtood above it, and ſaid, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy Father, and the God of Iſaac: the Land whereon thou lieſt, to thee will I give it, and to thy Seed.

And thy Seed ſhall be as the Duſt of the Earth. And in thy Seed ſhall the Families of the Earth be bleſſed.

And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all Places whither thou goeſt, and will bring thee again

* c. 26. v. 2, *&c.* § c. 28. v. 1, *&c.*

into

into this Land. For I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have ſpoken to thee of.

And Jacob awaked out of his Sleep and ſaid, Surely the Lord is in this Place, and I knew it not.

And he ſaid, How dreadful is this Place! This is none other but the Houſe of GOD! This is the Gate of Heaven!

And Jacob vowed a Vow, ſaying, If GOD will be with me, and will keep me in this Way that I go, and will give me Bread to eat, and Rayment to put on:

So that I come again to my Father's Houſe in Peace, then ſhall the Lord be my GOD.

‡ And Jacob went on his Journey, and came into the Land of the People of the Eaſt.

And he looked, and beheld a Well, and three Flocks of Sheep. And he ſaid, My Brethren, know ye Laban, the Son of Nahor?

And they ſaid, We know him. And behold Rachel his Daughter cometh with the Sheep.

And when Jacob ſaw Rachel, he kiſſed her, and lifted up his Voice and wept.

And Jacob told Rachel, that he was Rebekah's Son; and ſhe ran and told her Father.

And when Laban heard it, he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kiſſed him, and brought him to his Houſe.

LESSON XX.

Of Jacob's *Marriages: Of his Return home: Of his wreſtling with the Angel, and meeting* Eſau.

‖ And Laban had two Daughters, Leah and Rachel. And Jacob ſaid, I will ſerve thee ſeven Years for Rachel, thy younger Daughter.

And when the Days were fulfilled, Laban made a Feaſt: and in the Evening, he took Leah and brought her to him.

And he ſaid to Laban, What is this? Did I not ſerve thee for Rachel? And Laban ſaid, Fulfil her Week, and we will give thee her alſo. And Jacob did ſo.

‡ c. 29. v. 1, *&c.* ‖ v. 16, *&c.*

And after many Days, § the Lord ſaid unto Jacob, Return unto the Land of thy Fathers.

And Jacob called Rachel and Leah, and ſaid unto them, The GOD of my Father hath been with me and ſaid, Ariſe, get thee out from this Land and return unto the Land of thy Kindred.

And they ſaid, Whatſoever GOD hath ſaid unto thee, do. And he roſe up, and ſet his Sons and his Wives upon Camels: and he carried away all his Cattle, and all his Goods, to go to Iſaac, in the Land of Cannan.

* And Jacob went on his Way, and the Angels of GOD met him.

And when he ſaw them, he ſaid, This is GOD's Hoſt. And he called the Name of that Place † Mahanaim.

And Jacob ſent Meſſengers before him to Eſau, unto the Land of Seir, and commanded them, ſaying,

Thus ſhall ye ſpeak unto Eſau, thy Servant Jacob ſaith thus, I have ſojourned with Laban until now;

And I have ſent to tell my Lord, that I may find ‡ Grace in his Sight.

And the Meſſengers returned to Jacob, ſaying, Eſau cometh to meet thee, and four hundred Men with him.

And Jacob was greatly afraid. And he ſaid, O GOD of my Fathers, which ſaidſt unto me, Return unto thy Country and thy Kindred, and I will deal well with thee;

I am leſs than the leaſt of all the Mercies, and of all the Truth which thou haſt ſhewed unto thy Servant:

Deliver me, I pray thee, from the Hand of my Brother, leſt he come and ſmite me, and the Mother with the Children!

And he roſe that Night, and took his Wives and his Sons, and ſent them over the Ford Jabbok.

And Jacob was left alone: and there wreſtled a Man with him, until the breaking of the Day.

And he ſaid, Let me go, for the Day breaketh; and he ſaid, I will not let thee go, except thou bleſs me.

§ c. 31. v. 3, *&c.*
* c. 32, v. 1, *&c.*
† that is, Two Hoſts.
‡ that is, Favour.

And

And he ſaid, Thy Name ſhall be called Iſrael; for as a Prince haſt thou Power with GOD and with Men, and haſt prevailed. And he bleſſed him there.

§ And Jacob looked and behold Eſau came, and with him four hundred Men.

And he divided the Children unto Leah and unto Rachel, and paſſed over before them; and bowed himſelf to the Ground ſeven Times, until he came near to his Brother.

And Eſau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his Neck and kiſſed him; and they wept.

And Eſau ſaid, Let us take our Journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

And he ſaid unto him, the Children are tender, and the Flocks with Young are with me, and if Men ſhould over-drive them, they will die.

Let my Lord paſs over before me, and I will go on ſoftly, as the Cattle and the Children are able to endure.

So Eſau returned on his Way to Seir: and Jacob journeyed to Shechem, in the Land of Canaan.

LESSON XXI.

Of Jacob's *Children, and* Iſaac's *Death.*

‖ Now the Sons of Jacob were twelve, Reuben and Simeon and Levi, Judah, Iſſachar and Zebulun; Dan and Napthali, Gad and Aſher; Joſeph and Benjamin.

And Jacob came unto Iſaac his Father unto Mamre, where Abraham and Iſaac ſojourned.

And the Days of Iſaac were an hundred and fourſcore Years.

And Iſaac gave up the Ghoſt, being old and full of Days, and his Sons, Eſau and Jacob buried him.

¶ And Jacob dwelt in the Land of Canaan. And Joſeph being ſeventeen Years old, was feeding the Flocks with his Brethren: and he brought unto his Father their evil Report.

§ c. 33. v. 1, &c. ‖ c. 35. v. 23, &c. ¶ c. 37. v. 1, &c.

Now Iſrael loved Joſeph more than all his Children, becauſe he was the Son of his old Age.

And when his Brethren ſaw that, they hated him, and could not ſpeak peaceably unto him.

And they fed their Father's Flock. And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Go ſee, whether it be well with thy Brethren.

And when they ſaw him afar off, they conſpired againſt him to ſlay him.

And Reuben ſaid, Shed no Blood; but caſt him into this Pit.

And when Joſeph was come unto them, they took him and caſt him into a Pit; but there was no Water in the Pit.

And they ſat down to eat Bread. And behold a Company of Iſhmeelites came from Gilead, going down into Egypt.

And Judah ſaid unto his Brethren, What Profit is it, if we ſlay our Brother? Come, and let us ſell him to the Iſhmeelites. So they ſold him for twenty Pieces of Silver.

And they took his Coat, and killed a Kid, and dipped the Coat in the Blood.

And they brought it to their Father and ſaid, Know whether this be thy Son's Coat, or no?

And he ſaid, it is. An evil Beaſt hath devoured him. And Jacob mourned for his Son many Days.

And the Iſhmeelites ſold him into Egypt, unto Potiphar, Captain of Pharaoh's Guard.

* And the Lord was with Joſeph, and he was a proſperous Man, and he was in the Houſe of his Maſter the Egyptian.

And Joſeph found Grace in his Sight, and he made him Overſeer over his Houſe, and all that he had, he put into his Hand.

And the Lord bleſſed the Egyptian's Houſe for Joſeph's Sake, and all that he had in the Houſe and in the Field.

* c. 39. v. 2, &c.

LESSON XXII.

Of Joſeph's *Advancement in* Egypt.

* And it came to paſs, that Pharaoh dreamed, and in the Morning his Spirit was troubled; and he ſent and called for all the Wiſe Men, and told them his Dream, but there was none that could interpret it.

Then ſpoke his chief Butler unto Pharaoh and ſaid, I and the chief Baker dreamed a Dream in one Night, in the Captain of the Guard's Houſe.

And there was with us a young Man, and he interpreted to us our Dreams. And as he interpreted to us, ſo it came to paſs.

And Pharaoh ſent and called Joſeph, and they brought him haſtily. And Pharaoh ſaid, I have dreamed a Dream, and there is none that can interpret it.

And I have heard of Thee, that thou canſt underſtand a Dream, to interpret it.

And Joſeph anſwered Pharaoh, ſaying, It is not in me. God ſhall give Pharaoh an anſwer of Peace.

And Pharaoh ſaid, In my Dream, behold I ſtood upon the Bank of the River.

And there came up out of the River ſeven Kine, fat and well-favoured.

And ſeven Kine came up after them, lean and ill-favoured, ſuch as I never ſaw in all Egypt for Badneſs.

And the lean Kine did eat up the firſt ſeven fat Kine: yet they were ſtill ill-favoured, as at the Beginning.

And Joſeph ſaid unto Pharaoh, God hath ſhewed thee what he is about to do.

The ſeven good Kine are ſeven Years, and the ſeven lean Kine are ſeven Years.

Behold there come ſeven Years of great Plenty, throughout all the Land of Egypt.

And there ſhall ariſe after them ſeven Years of Famine. And the Plenty ſhall be forgotten in the Land, by reaſon of that Famine following: for it ſhall be very grievous.

* c. 41. v. 1, &c.

Now

Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a Man diſcreet and wiſe, and ſet him over the Land of Egypt.

And let him appoint Officers over the Land, and let them gather all the Food of thoſe good Years, and lay up Corn in the Cities.

And it ſhall be for Store to the Land, againſt the ſeven Years of Famine, that the Land periſh not.

And Pharaoh ſaid unto his Servants, Can we find ſuch an one as this is, a Man in whom the Spirit of GOD is?

And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, Thou ſhalt be over my Houſe; only in the Throne will I be greater than thou.

And he made him Ruler over all the Land of Egypt. And he gave him to Wife Aſenath, the Daughter of Potipherah.

And Joſeph went throughout all the Land of Egypt. And in theſe plenteous Years the Earth brought forth by handfull.

And Joſeph gathered Corn as the Sand of the Sea, and laid it up in the Cities.

And unto Joſeph were born two Sons, Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

And the ſeven Years of Dearth began, and the Dearth was in all Lands; but in all Egypt, there was Bread.

And all Countries came into Egypt to Joſeph to buy Corn; becauſe the Famine was ſo ſore in all Lands.

LESSON XXIII.

Of the Brethren of Joſeph *going to buy Corn in* Egypt.

‖ Now when Jacob heard, that there was Corn in Egypt, he ſaid unto his Sons, go down thither and buy for us.

And Joſeph's ten Brethren went down; but Benjamin Jacob ſent not.

And the Sons of Iſrael came, and bowed themſelves before Joſeph. And he knew his Brethren; but they knew not him.

‖ c. 42. v. 1, *&c.*

And

And he made himſelf ſtrange unto them and ſaid, Whence come ye? And they ſaid, From the Land of Canaan.

And he ſaid, Ye are Spies. To ſee the Nakedneſs of the Land ye are come. And they ſaid, Nay, my Lord; but to buy Food are thy Servants come.

Thy Servants are twelve Brethren, the Sons of one Man. And the youngeſt is with our Father, and one is ‡ not.

And Joſeph ſaid, Hereby ſhall ye be proved. Ye ſhall not go hence, except your youngeſt Brother come hither.

And he put them all together into Ward three Days.

And Joſeph ſaid unto them the third Day, This do, and live; for I fear GOD.

Let one of your Brethren be bound here. And go ye, carry Corn for your Houſes.

But bring your youngeſt Brother unto me; ſo ſhall your Words be verified.

And they ſaid one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our Brother, in that we ſaw the Anguiſh of his Soul when he beſought us, and we would not hear. Therefore is this Diſtreſs come upon us.

And Reuben anſwered them, Said I not unto you, Do not ſin againſt the Child, and ye would not hear. Therefore behold, his Blood is required.

And they knew not that Joſeph underſtood them. For he ſpake unto them by an Interpreter.

And he turned himſelf about from them and wept, and returned to them again, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their Eyes.

Then Joſeph commanded to fill their Sacks with Corn, and to reſtore every Man's Money, into his Sack.

And they departed thence. And they came unto Jacob their Father, and told him all that befell them, ſaying,

The Lord of the Land ſpake roughly to us, and took us for Spies of the Country.

And we ſaid, We are no Spies. We are twelve Brethren, Sons of one Father. One is not, and the youngeſt is with our Father.

‡ is dead.

And

And he ſaid, Hereby ſhall I know ye are true Men Leave one of your Brethren here, and take Food for your Houſholds and be gone.

And bring your youngeſt Brother unto me. Then ſhall I know that you are no Spies.

And as they emptied their Sacks, behold every Man's Money was in his Sack. And when both they and their Father ſaw it, they were afraid.

And Jacob ſaid, Me have ye bereaved of my Children: Joſeph is not. And Simeon is not. And ye will take Benjamin away! All theſe Things are againſt me.

And Reuben ſpake unto his Father, ſaying, Slay my two Sons, if I bring him not to thee. Deliver him into my Hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

And he ſaid, My Son ſhall not go down with you; for his Brother is dead, and he is left alone. If Miſchief befall him, then ſhall ye bring down my gray Hairs with Sorrow to the Grave.

LESSON XXIV.

Of Benjamin's *going into* Egypt.

* And when they had eaten up the Corn which they had brought, their Father ſaid, Go again, and buy us a little Food.

And Judah ſaid, If thou wilt ſend our Brother with us, we will go; but if thou wilt not, we will not go down.

For the Man did ſolemnly proteſt, Ye ſhall not ſee my Face, except your Brother be with you.

And Iſrael ſaid, Wherefore told ye the Man, whether ye had yet a Brother?

And they ſaid, Could we know, that he would ſay, Bring your Brother down?

And Judah ſaid, Send the Lad with me, and we will ariſe and go, that we may live and not die.

I will be Surety for him: If I bring him not to thee, then let me bear the Blame for ever.

And Iſrael ſaid unto them, If it muſt be ſo, take your Brother, and ariſe, go again.

* c. 43. v. 2, *&c.*

And

And GOD Almighty give you Mercy before the Man. If I be bereaved of my Children, I am bereaved.

And they took Benjamin, and went down to Egypt, and ſtood before Joſeph.

And when Joſeph ſaw Benjamin, he ſaid to the Ruler of his Houſe, Bring theſe Men home, for they ſhall dine with me.

And he brought them into Joſeph's Houſe. And they were afraid and ſaid, Becauſe of the Money are we brought in, that he may fall upon us and take us for Bond-men.

And they came near to the Steward of Joſeph's Houſe and ſaid, O Sir, When we came to the Inn we opened our Sacks, and behold every Man's Money was in his Sack. And we have brought it again in our Hands.

And he ſaid, Peace be to you. I had your Money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

And the Man brought them into Joſeph's Houſe. And when Joſeph came home, they bowed themſelves to the Earth.

And he ſaid, Is your Father well, the old Man of whom ye ſpake? Is he yet alive?

And they ſaid, Thy Servant our Father is in good Health, he is yet alive.

And he lift up his Eyes and ſaw his Brother Benjamin and ſaid, GOD be gracious unto thee, my Son.

And Joſeph made haſte, for his Bowels did yern upon his Brother; and he ſought where to weep. And he entered into his Chamber and wept there.

And he waſhed his Face, and went out and refrained himſelf, and ſaid, Set on Bread:

And they ſet on. And the Men ſat before him and did eat. And they marvelled one at another.

LESSON XXV.

Of Joſeph's *making himſelf known to his Brethren.*

‡ Then Joſeph could not refrain himſelf. And he cried, Cauſe every Man to go out from me.

‡ c. 45. v. 1, &c.

And

And he wept aloud. And the Egyptians and the Houſe of Pharaoh heard.

And Joſeph ſaid unto his Brethren, I am Joſeph. Doth my Father yet live? And his Brethren could not anſwer him; for they were troubled at his Preſence.

And Joſeph ſaid unto his Brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he ſaid, I am Joſeph your Brother, whom ye ſold into Egypt.

Now therefore be not grieved that ye ſold me hither, for GOD did ſend me before you, to preſerve Life.

And he hath made me a Father to Pharaoh, and Lord of all his Houſe, and the Ruler of all the Land of Egypt.

Haſte you and go up to my Father and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith thy Son Joſeph, Come unto me, tarry not.

And I will nouriſh thee (for yet there are five Years of Famine) leſt thou and thy Houſhold come to Poverty.

And behold your Eyes ſee and the Eyes of my Brother Benjamin, that it is my Mouth that ſpeaketh unto you.

And he fell upon his Brother Benjamin's Neck and wept. And Benjamin wept upon his Neck.

Moreover he kiſſed all his Brethren and wept upon them, and after that, his Brethren talked with him.

And the Fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's Houſe, ſaying, Joſeph's Brethren are come; and it pleaſed Pharaoh well and his Servants.

And Pharaoh ſaid unto Joſeph, Say unto thy Brethren, This do ye. Go unto the Land of Canaan,

And take your Father and your Houſholds and come unto me, and I will give you the Good of the Land of Egypt.

Alſo regard not your Stuff; for the Good of all the Land of Egypt is yours.

And the Children of Iſrael did ſo, and Joſeph gave them Waggons and Proviſions for the Way.

So he ſent his Brethren away and they departed; and he ſaid, See that ye fall not out by the Way.

And they came into the Land of Canaan, unto Jacob their Father:

And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is Governor of all the Land of Egypt. And Jacob's Heart fainted; for he believed them not.

But when he saw the Waggons which Joseph had sent, the Spirit of Jacob their Father revived.

And he said, It is enough; Joseph my Son is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die.

LESSON XXVI.

Of Jacob's *going into* Egypt.

‡ And Israel took his Journey with all that he had, and came into Egypt:

And Joseph made ready his Chariot, and went up to meet Israel his Father; and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his Neck, and wept a good while.

And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy Face and thou art yet alive.

* Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My Father and my Brethren are come up.

And he took some of his Brethren, even five Men, and presented them unto Pharaoh:

And Pharaoh said unto his Brethren, What is your ‖ Occupation? And they said, Thy Servants are Shepherds.

But thy Servants have no Pasture for their Flocks; for the Famine is sore in the Land of Canaan. Now therefore, we pray thee, let thy Servants dwell in the Land of Goshen.

And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy Father and thy Brethren are come unto thee:

The Land of Egypt is before thee, in the best of the Land let them dwell; in the Land of Goshen let them dwell.

And Joseph brought in Jacob his Father, and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?

And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, the Days of my Pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty Years: Few and Evil

‡ c. 46. v. 1, &c. * c. 47. v. 1, &c.
‖ or Business.

have been the Days of the Years of my Life, and have not attained unto the Days of my Fathers.

And Jacob went out from before Pharaoh; and Iſrael dwelt in Goſhen. And they had Poſſeſſions therein, and grew and multiplied exceedingly.

And Jacob lived in the Land of Egypt ſeventeen Years: So the whole Age of Jacob was an hundred and forty ſeven Years.

And the Time drew nigh that Iſrael muſt die, and he called Joſeph and ſaid, Bury me not in Egypt:

But I will lie with my Fathers, and thou ſhalt bury me in their Burying-place. And he ſaid, I will do as thou haſt ſaid.

And he ſaid, Swear unto me. And he ſware unto him. And Iſrael bowed himſelf upon the Bed's-head.

LESSON XXVII.

Of Jacob's *bleſſing his Children, and of his Death.*

* And after theſe Things, one told Joſeph, Behold thy Father is ſick. And he took with him his two Sons, Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

And one told Jacob, Behold thy Son Joſeph cometh. And he ſtrengthned himſelf, and ſat up on the Bed.

And Jacob ſaid unto Joſeph, I had not thought to ſee thy Face: and lo, GOD hath ſhewed me alſo thy Seed.

And he bleſſed Joſeph and ſaid, GOD before whom my Fathers, Abraham and Iſaac did walk, the GOD which fed me all my Life long unto this Day,

The ¶ Angel which redeemed me from all Evil bleſs the Lads, and let my Name be named upon them.

And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Behold I die: But GOD ſhall be with you, and bring you again into the Land of your Fathers.

‖ And Jacob called unto his Sons and ſaid, Gather yourſelves together; that I may tell you that which ſhall befall you in the laſt Days.

Reuben, thou art my Firſt-born, the Beginning of my Strength.

* c. 48. v. 1, &c.
‖ c. 49. v. 1, &c.
¶ that is, CHRIST.

Unſtable

Unstable as Water; thou shalt not excel.

Judah is a Lion's Whelp. He couched as a Lion, Who shall rouse him up.

The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, until † Shiloh come,

I have waited for thy Salvation, O Lord.

The Archers have shot at Joseph and hated him, but his Bow ‖ abode in Strength, and his Hands were made strong by the Hands of the mighty God of Jacob.

Even by the God of thy Father, who shall help thee, and by the Almighty who shall bless thee, with Blessings of the Heaven above, and Blessings of the Deep that lieth under.

And he charged them and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my People; bury me with my Fathers, in the Cave that is in the Field of Machpelah, in the Land of Canaan.

And when Jacob had made an End of commanding his Sons, he gathered up his Feet into the Bed, and yielded up the Ghost, and was gathered unto his People.

LESSON XXVIII.

Of the Burial of Jacob *and the Death of* Joseph.

* And Joseph fell upon his Father's Face and wept upon him and kissed him.

And the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten Days.

And when those Days were past, Joseph spake unto the House of Pharaoh, Speak I pray you in the Ears of Pharaoh, saying,

Let me go up, and bury my Father, and I will come again.

And Pharaoh said, Go. And Joseph went up, and with him all the Elders of the Land of Egypt.

And there went up with him both Chariots and Horsemen; and it was a very great Company.

And they came to the Threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great Lamentation.

† Christ. ‖ he continued strong.

* c. 50. v. 1, &c.

And Jacob's Sons carried him into the Land of Canaan, and buried him in the Cave of the Field of Machpelah.

And Joſeph returned into Egypt, he and all that went with him, after he had buried his Father.

And when Joſeph's Brethren ſaw that their Father was dead, they ſaid, Peradventure, Joſeph will hate us, and will certainly requite us all the Evil which we did unto him.

And they ſaid unto Joſeph, Thy Father did command before he died, ſaying,

So ſhall ye ſay unto Joſeph, Forgive the Treſpaſs of thy Brethren; for they did unto thee Evil. And now we pray thee forgive the Treſpaſs of the Servants of the GOD of thy Father: And Joſeph wept when they ſpake unto him.

And his Brethren went and fell down before his Face, and they ſaid, Behold, we are thy Servants.

And Joſeph ſaid unto them, Fear not. Am I in the Place of ‖ GOD?

As for you, Ye thought Evil againſt me, but GOD meant it unto Good; to ſave much People alive, as it is this Day.

Now therefore fear ye not. I will nouriſh you and your little ones. And he comforted them and ſpake kindly unto them.

And Joſeph dwelt in Egypt, he and his Father's Houſe.

And Joſeph ſaw Ephraim's Children of the third Generation. The Children alſo of Machir, the Son of Manaſſeh, were brought up upon Joſeph's Knees.

And Joſeph ſaid unto his Brethren, I die: and GOD will ſurely viſit you, and bring you out of this Land unto the Land which he ſware to Abraham, to Iſaac and to Jacob.

And Joſeph took an Oath of the Children of Iſrael ſaying, Ye ſhall carry up my Bones from hence.

So Joſeph died, being an hundred and ten Years old, and they embalmed him, and he was put in a Coffin in Egypt.

‖ who alone can forgive Sins.

LESSON

LESSON XXIX.

Of the Birth of Moſes.

* And Joſeph died, and all his Brethren, and all that Generation.

And the Children of Iſrael increaſed abundantly, and became exceeding mighty.

Now there aroſe up a new King over Egypt, which ‖ knew not Joſeph.

And he ſaid unto his People, The Children of Iſrael are more and mightier than we:

Let us deal wiſely with them, leſt they multiply, and they join alſo unto our Enemies.

Therefore they did ſet over them Taſk-maſters, to afflict them with their Burdens.

But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied. Then Pharaoh charged all his People, ſaying, Every Son that is born of the Hebrew Women ye ſhall caſt into the River, and every Daughter ye ſhall ſave alive.

§ And there went a Man of the Houſe of Levi, and he took to Wife a ¶ Daughter of Levi.

And ſhe bare a Son, and when ſhe ſaw that he was a goodly Child, ſhe hid him three Months.

And when ſhe could no longer hide him, ſhe took an ‡ Ark of Bulruſhes and daubed it with Pitch, and put the Child therein, and laid it in the Flags by the River's Brink.

And his Siſter ſtood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

And the Daughter of Pharaoh came down to waſh herſelf at the River. And when ſhe ſaw the Ark, ſhe ſent her Maid to fetch it.

And when ſhe had opened it, ſhe ſaw the Child, and behold the Babe wept. And ſhe had Compaſſion on him and ſaid, This is one of the Hebrew's Children.

Then ſaid his Siſter, Shall I go and call a Nurſe, that ſhe may nurſe the Child for thee?

* Exodus, c. 1. v. 6, &c. ‖ had not been acquainted with him. § c. 2. v. 1, &c. ¶ one of that Tribe. ‡ or Baſket.

And Pharaoh's Daughter ſaid unto her, Go; and the Maid went and called the Child's Mother.

And the Woman took the Child and nurſed it: and the Child grew, and ſhe brought him unto Pharaoh's Daughter, and he became her Son.

And ſhe called his Name ‡ Moſes: and ſhe ſaid, Becauſe I drew him out of the Water.

And when Moſes was grown, he went out unto his Brethren; and he ſpied an Egyptian ſmiting an Hebrew:

And he ſlew the Egyptian. And when Pharaoh heard it, he ſought to ſlay Moſes. But Moſes fled from the Face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the Land of Midian.

And Jethro, Prieſt of Midian, gave Moſes Zipporah his Daughter to Wife.

LESSON XXX.

Of GOD's *appearing unto* Moſes, *and ſending him to* Iſrael.

* Now Moſes kept the Flock of Jethro, and he led the Flock to the Backſide of the Deſart, and came to the Mountain of GOD, even to Horeb.

And the § Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a Flame of Fire, out of the Midſt of a Buſh. And he looked, and behold, the Buſh burned with Fire, and the Buſh was not conſumed.

And Moſes ſaid, I will turn aſide and ſee this great Sight, why the Buſh is not burnt.

And GOD called unto him out of the Buſh and ſaid, Moſes. And he ſaid, Here am I.

And he ſaid, I am the GOD of thy Fathers, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Iſaac, and the GOD of Jacob. And Moſes hid his Face; for he was afraid to look upon GOD.

And the Lord ſaid, I have ſeen the Affliction of my People, and have heard their Cry by Reaſon of their Taſk-maſters.

And I am come down to deliver them out of the Hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them into a Land flowing with Milk and Honey.

Come therefore and I will ſend thee unto Pharaoh,

‡ *i. e.* drawn out. * c. 3. v. 1, &c. § CHRIST.

that

that thou mayeſt bring forth my People out of Egypt.

And Moſes ſaid, Who am I, that I ſhould go unto Pharaoh, and that I ſhould bring forth the Children of Iſrael out of Egypt?

Behold when I come unto them and ſay, The GOD of your Fathers hath ſent me: And they ſhall ſay unto me, What is his Name? What ſhall I ſay unto them?

And GOD ſaid unto Moſes, I AM THAT I AM. And he ſaid, Thus ſhalt thou ſay unto the Children of Iſrael, I AM hath ſent me unto you.

Go and gather the Elders of Iſrael together, and they ſhall hearken to thy Voice.

And ye ſhall come unto the King of Egypt, and ſay unto him, The Lord GOD of the Hebrews hath met with us: And now let us go, we beſeech thee, three Day's Journey into the Wilderneſs, that we may ſacrifice to the Lord our GOD.

But the King of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a ſtrong Hand:

And I will ſtretch out my Hand and ſmite Egypt with all my Wonders, and after that he will let you go.

LESSON XXXI.

Of GOD's *ſending* Moſes *and* Aaron *to* Pharaoh.

‡ And Moſes ſaid unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore nor ſince thou haſt ſpoken unto thy Servant. But I am ſlow of Speech, and of a ſlow Tongue.

And the Lord ſaid unto him, Who hath made Man's Mouth? Or, Who maketh the Dumb, or Deaf, or the Seeing, or the Blind? Have not I the LORD?

Now therefore go, and I will be with thy Mouth, and teach thee what thou ſhalt ſay.

And he ſaid, O my Lord, ſend, I pray thee, by whom thou wilt ſend.

And the Lord ſaid, Behold Aaron thy Brother cometh forth to meet thee.

And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, and he ſhall be thy Spokeſman unto the People. And he ſhall be to thee

‡ c. 4. v. 10, *&c.*

inſtead

inſtead of a Mouth, and thou ſhalt be to him inſtead of GOD.

And the Lord ſaid to Aaron, Go into the Wilderneſs to meet Moſes, And he went and met him and kiſſed him.

And Moſes told Aaron all the Words of the Lord. § And afterward Moſes and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD of Iſrael, let my People go, and hold a Feaſt unto me in the Wilderneſs.

And Pharaoh ſaid, who is the Lord, that I ſhould obey his Voice to let Iſrael go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Iſrael go.

And Pharaoh commanded the Taſk-maſters the ſame Day, Ye ſhall no more give the People Straw to make Brick:

But the Tale of the Bricks which they did make heretofore, you ſhall lay upon them: for they are idle; therefore they ſay, Let us go and ſacrifice to our God.

And the Taſk-maſters ſaid to the People, Thus ſaith Pharaoh, I will not give you Straw.

Go ye, get you Straw where you can find it; yet not ought of your Work ſhall be diminiſhed.

Then the Officers of the Children of Iſrael came and cried unto Pharaoh. But he ſaid, Ye are idle, ye are idle.

Go and work. For there ſhall no Straw be given you; yet ſhall ye deliver the Tale of Bricks.

And the Officers met Moſes and Aaron and ſaid, You have made us to be abhorred of Pharaoh.

And Moſes returned unto the Lord and ſaid, Lord, Why is it that thou haſt ſent me?

For ſince I ſpake to Pharaoh, he hath done Evil to this People, neither haſt Thou delivered thy People at all.

LESSON XXXII.

Of the Rod turned into a Serpent, and the Water into Blood.

† And Moſes was fourſcore Years old, and Aaron fourſcore and three Years old.

And Moſes and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and Aaron caſt down his Rod, and it became a Serpent.

‡ c. 5. v. 1, &c. † c. 7. v. 7, &c.

Then

Then Pharaoh called the wiſe Men and the Sorcerers, and they alſo caſt down every Man his Rod: and they became Serpents; but Aaron's Rod ſwallowed up their Rods.

And Pharaoh hearkened not unto them, as the Lord had ſaid.

And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Take thy Rod, and ſtretch out thine Hand upon the Waters of Egypt, upon their Streams, upon their Rivers, and upon their Ponds, and upon all their Pools of Water, that they may become Blood.

And Aaron lift up the Rod, and ſmote the Waters that were in the River, in the Sight of Pharaoh, and in the Sight of his Servants. And all the Waters that were in the River were turned into Blood.

And the Egyptians could not drink of the Water of the River; and there was Blood throughout all the Land of Egypt.

And the Magicians of Egypt did ſo with their Inchantments. And Pharaoh was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them.

And Pharaoh turned and went into his Houſe, neither did he ſet his Heart to this alſo.

LESSON XXXIII.

Of the Plague of Frogs, of Lice, and of Flies.

* And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thy Rod over the Streams, over the Rivers, and over the Ponds, and cauſe Frogs to come up upon the Land of Egypt.

And Aaron ſtretched out his Hand over the Waters of Egypt, and the Frogs came up and covered the Land of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid, Intreat the Lord, that he may take away the Frogs: and I will let the People go, that they may do Sacrifice unto the Lord.

And Moſes cried unto the Lord. And the Frogs died, and they gathered them together in Heaps.

* c. viii. v. 5, *&c.*

And

And when Pharaoh ſaw that there was Reſpite, he hardened his Heart, and hearkened not unto them.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy Rod, and ſmite the Duſt of the Land, that it may become Lice.

And Aaron ſmote the Duſt of the Earth, and it became Lice, in Man and in Beaſt, throughout all the Land of Egypt.

And the Magicians did ſo with their Inchantments to bring forth Lice; but they could not.

Then they ſaid unto Pharaoh, This is the Finger of GOD: but he hearkened not unto them

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Riſe up early in the Morning, and ſay unto Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the Lord, let my People go.

Elſe I will ſend Swarms of Flies upon thee and upon thy People: to-morrow ſhall this Sign be.

And the Lord did ſo. And there came a grievous Swarm of Flies into all the Land of Egypt; the Land was corrupted by Reaſon of them.

And Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid, I will let you go: intreat for me.

And Moſes ſaid, I will intreat the Lord. But let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more.

And Moſes intreated the Lord, and he removed the Swarms of Flies from Pharaoh and from his People; there remained not one.

But Pharaoh hardened his Heart at this Time alſo, neither would he let the People go.

LESSON XXXIV.

Of the Murrain, the Boils, the Hail, the Locuſts, and the Darkneſs.

* Then the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Say unto Pharaoh, thus ſaith the Lord, if thou wilt hold my People ſtill,

To-morrow there ſhall be a very grievous Murrain upon all the Cattle of Egypt; but there ſhall nothing die of all that is the Children's of Iſrael.

* c. ix. v. 1, *&c.*

And

And on the Morrow, all the Cattle of Egypt died; but of the Cattle of the Children of Iſrael died not one.

But the Heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the People go.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Take Aſhes and ſprinkle it towards Heaven in the Sight of Pharaoh.

And Moſes took Aſhes and ſprinkled it up toward Heaven; and it became a Boile breaking forth with Blains, upon Man and upon Beaſt, throughout all the Land of Egypt.

But Pharaoh hearkened not unto them, as the Lord had ſpoken unto Moſes.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Say unto Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the Lord God, As yet exalteſt thou thyſelf againſt my People, that thou wilt not let them go?

Behold To-morrow about this time, I will cauſe it to rain a very grievous Hail:

Send now therefore, and gather thy Cattle and all that thou haſt in the Field.

He that feared the Lord among the Servants of Pharaoh, made his Servants and Cattle flee into the Houſes.

But he that regarded not the Word of the Lord, left his Servants and his Cattle in the Field.

And Moſes ſtretched forth his Rod toward Heaven, and the Lord ſent Thunder and Hail, and the Fire ran along upon the Ground.

And the Hail ſmote throughout all the Land of Egypt all that was in the Field, both Man and Beaſt. And it ſmote every Herb of the Field, and brake every Tree.

And Pharaoh ſent and called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid, I have ſinned. Intreat the Lord; for it is enough.

And Moſes ſpread forth his Hands unto the LORD, and the Thunders and Hail ceaſed.

But when Pharaoh ſaw it, he ſinned yet more, and hardened his Heart, and would not let the People go.

† And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, ſtretch forth thy Hand, and he ſtretched it forth over the Land of Egypt,

And the Locuſts went up over all the Land, and covered the Face of the whole Earth: And they did eat

† C. X. V. 12, &c.

eat every Herb, and every Thing which the Hail had left.

Then Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron in haſte, and ſaid, I have ſinned againſt the Lord your GOD.

Now therefore forgive my Sin only this once, and intreat the Lord, to take away from me this Death only.

And he intreated the Lord, and the Lord took away the Locuſts by a mighty Weſt Wind. There remained not one. But Pharaoh would not let the Children of Iſrael go.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch forth thy Hand, that there may be Darkneſs over the Land of Egypt, even Darkneſs which may be felt.

And Moſes ſtretched forth his Hand, and there was a thick Darkneſs in all the Land three Days.

They ſaw not one another, neither roſe any from his Place for three Days; but all the Children of Iſrael had Light in their Dwellings.

LESSON XXXV.

Of the Paſſover and the Death of the Firſt-born.

And Pharaoh ſaid unto Moſes, Get thee from me, ſee my Face no more.

And Moſes ſaid, Thou haſt ſpoken well: I will ſee thy Face again no more.

‡ And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron, ſaying, Speak ye unto all the Congregation of Iſrael.

In the tenth Day of this Month, take to you every MAN a Lamb, a Lamb for an Houſe.

It ſhall be without Blemiſh; and on the fourteenth Day, the whole Congregation ſhall kill it in the Evening.

And they ſhall eat the Fleſh in that Night, roſt with Fire, and with unleavened Bread.

And thus ye ſhall eat it, with your Loins girt, your Shoes on your Feet, and your Staff in your Hand. And ye ſhall eat it in haſte. It is the Lord's Paſſover.

For I will paſs through the Land of Egypt this Night, and will ſmite all the Firſt-born in the Land of Egypt.

‡ C. 12. V. 1, &c.

Then

Then Moſes called for all the Elders of Iſrael and ſaid, take you a Lamb, according to your Families, and kill the Paſſover.

And ye ſhall dip a Bunch of Hyſſop in the Blood and ſtrike the Lintel and the two Side-poſts of your Houſes, and none of you ſhall go out of his Houſe until the Morning.

For the Lord will paſs through to ſmite the Egyptians, and when he ſeeth the Blood, he will paſs over the Door, and will not ſuffer the Deſtroyer to come in unto your Houſes to ſmite you.

And the Children of Iſrael went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moſes and Aaron.

And at Midnight the Lord ſmote all the Firſt-born in the Land of Egypt, from the Firſt-born of Pharaoh that ſat on his Throne, unto the Firſt-born of the Captive that was in the Dungeon, and all the Firſt-born of Cattle.

And Pharaoh roſe up in the Night, he and all his Servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great Cry in Egypt; for there was not a Houſe where there was not one dead.

And he called for Moſes and Aaron and ſaid, Riſe up, and get you forth from among my People.

Alſo take your Flocks and your Herds, and be gone, and bleſs me alſo.

And the Egyptians were urgent, to ſend them out of the Land in haſte; for they ſaid, We are all Dead Men.

And the Children of Iſrael journeyed from Rameſes to Succoth, about ſix hundred Thouſand on Foot that were Men, beſides Children.

Now the ſojourning of the Children of Iſrael in Egypt was four hundred and thirty Years.

And at the End of theſe Years, even the ſelf-ſame Day, all the Hoſts of the Lord went out from the Land of Egypt.

LESSON XXXVI.

Of the Journey of the Iſraelites, *and the Deſtruction of the* Egyptians *in the* Red Sea.

* And it came to paſs, when Pharaoh had let the People go, that GOD led them not through the Land of the Philiſtines, but GOD led them about, through the Way of the Wilderneſs of the Red Sea.

And the Lord went before them by Day in a Pillar of a Cloud, to lead them, and by Night in a Pillar of Fire, to give them Light.

† And Pharaoh ſaid, why have we let Iſrael go from ſerving us?

And the Egyptians purſued after them, all the Horſes and Chariots of Pharaoh, and his Horſemen and his Army, and overtook them, encamping by the Sea.

And the Children of Iſrael were ſore afraid, and they ſaid unto Moſes, Becauſe there were no Graves in Egypt, haſt thou taken us away, to die in the Wilderneſs?

And Moſes ſaid unto the People, Fear ye not: Stand ſtill and ſee the Salvation of the Lord.

The Lord ſhall fight for you, and ye ſhall hold your Peace.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Speak unto the Children of Iſrael, that they go forward.

But lift thou up thy Rod, and ſtretch out thy Hand over the Sea and divide it.

And the ‡ Angel of the Lord who went before the Camp of Iſrael, removed and went behind them; And the Pillar of the Cloud, went from before their Face and ſtood behind them.

And it came between the Camp of the Egyptians and the Camp of Iſrael. And it was a Cloud and Darkneſs to them, but it gave Light by Night to theſe, ſo that the one came not near the other all the Night.

And Moſes ſtretched out his Hand over the Sea, and the Lord cauſed the Sea to go back, and made the Sea dry Land, and the Waters were divided.

* c. 13. v. 17, &c. † c. 14. v. 5, &c.
‡ *i. e.* CHRIST.

And

And the Children of Iſrael went into the Midſt of the Sea upon dry Ground. And the Waters were a Wall unto them, on their Right-hand and on their Left.

And the Egyptians purſued, and went in after them, to the Midſt of the Sea.

And the Lord looked unto the Hoſt of the Egyptians, and troubled the Hoſt of the Egyptians.

And took off their Chariot-wheels that they drave heavily, ſo that the Egyptians ſaid, Let us flee from the Face of Iſrael; for the Lord fighteth for them, againſt the Egyptians.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thy Hand over the Sea, that the Waters may come again upon the Egyptians.

And Moſes ſtretched forth his Hand over the Sea, and the Sea returned to his Strength. And the Egyptians fled againſt it. And the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the Midſt of the Sea.

And the Waters returned and covered the Chariots and the Horſemen, and all the Hoſt of Pharaoh.

Thus the Lord ſaved Iſrael that Day. And Iſrael ſaw the Egyptians dead upon the Sea-ſhore.

LESSON XXXVII.

Of the Quails, the Manna, and Amalek.

* So Moſes brought Iſrael from the Red Sea, and they went out into the Wilderneſs of Shur.

‖ And thence they came into the Wilderneſs of Sin: And the whole Congregation murmured againſt Moſes and Aaron, ſaying,

Ye have brought us forth into this Wilderneſs, to kill this whole Aſſembly with Hunger.

† And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, I have heard the Murmurings of the Children of Iſrael. Speak unto them, ſaying, At Even ye ſhall eat Fleſh, and in the Morning ye ſhall be filled with Bread. And ye ſhall know that I am the Lord your God.

* c. 15. v. 22. *&c.* ‖ c. 16. v. 1.
† c. 16. v. 11.

And it came to paſs, that at Even, the Quails came up and covered the Camp; and in the Morning the Dew lay round about the Hoſt.

And when the Dew was gone up, there lay a ſmall round Thing, as ſmall as the Hoar-froſt upon the Ground.

And when they ſaw it, they ſaid one to another, * It is Manna; for they ‖ wiſt not what it was. And Moſes ſaid, This is the Bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.

And they gathered it every Morning, every Man according to his eating, and when the Sun waxed hot it melted.

But on the ſixth Day they gathered twice as much, for on the ſeventh there was none.

And they called it Manna, and it was white: And the Taſte of it was like Wafers made with Honey.

And the Children of Iſrael did eat Manna forty Years, until they came unto the Land of Canaan.

† And they journeyed from Sin, and pitched in Rephidim: And there was no Water to drink.

And the People did chide with Moſes and ſaid, Give us Water that we may drink.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go on before the People, and take thy Rod in thine Hand.

And thou ſhalt ſmite the Rock Horeb, and there ſhall come Water out of it. And Moſes did ſo.

Then came ¶ Amalek and fought with Iſrael. And Moſes ſaid unto Joſhua, Chuſe us out Men, and go, fight with Amalek: And I will ſtand with the Rod of God in mine Hand.

And Joſhua did ſo, and fought with Amalek; and Moſes, Aaron and Hur went up to the Top of the Hill.

And when Moſes held up his Hand, Iſrael prevailed, and when he let down his Hand Amalek prevailed.

And Aaron and Hur ſtayed up his Hands, until the going down of the Sun.

And Joſhua diſcomfited Amalek with the Edge of the Sword.

* or, What is it? ‖ knew not.

† c. 17. v. 1. *&c.*

¶ that is the People of Amalek, the Amalekites.

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LESSON XXXVIII.

Of the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai.

* In the third Month the Children of Iſrael came into the Wilderneſs of Sinai, and they camped before the Mount.

And Moſes went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the Mountain, ſaying,

Tell the Children of Iſrael, Ye have ſeen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on Eagles Wings, and brought you unto myſelf:

Now therefore, if you will obey my Voice indeed, and keep my Covenant, ye ſhall be a peculiar Treaſure unto me above all People; for all the Earth is mine.

And ye ſhall be unto me a Kingdom of Prieſts, and an Holy Nation.

And Moſes told them theſe Words. And all the People anſwered and ſaid, all that the Lord hath ſpoken we will do.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick Cloud, that the People may hear when I ſpeak with thee, and believe thee for ever.

Go unto the People and ſanctify them to-Day and to-Morrow, and be ready againſt the third Day.

And it came to paſs on the third Day in the Morning that there were Thunders and Lightnings and a thick Cloud upon the Mount, and the Voice of the Trumpet exceeding loud, ſo that all the People trembled.

And Moſes brought forth the People out of the Camp to meet with God: And they ſtood at the nether Part of the Mount.

And Mount Sinai was altogether on a Smoak, becauſe the Lord deſcended upon it in Fire. And the Smoak thereof aſcended as the Smoak of a Furnace, and the whole Mount quaked greatly.

And when the Voice of the Trumpet ſounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moſes ſpake, and God anſwered him by a Voice.

* c. xix. v. 1. &c.

And

And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the Top of the Mount. And the Lord called Moſes up to the Top of the Mount.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Go down, charge the People, leſt they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them periſh.

So Moſes went down unto the People, and ſpake unto them.

LESSON XXXIX.

The Ten Commandments.

§ And God ſpake all theſe Words, ſaying,

I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the Houſe of Bondage.

I. Thou ſhalt have no other Gods before me.

II. Thou ſhalt not make unto thyſelf any graven Image, or any Likeneſs of any Thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the Water under the Earth.

Thou ſhalt not bow down thyſelf to them, nor ſerve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, viſiting the Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me:

And ſhewing Mercy unto thouſands, of them that love me and keep my Commandments.

III. Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy;

Six Days ſhalt thou labour and do all thy Work:

But the ſeventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou ſhalt not do any Work, thou nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, thy Man-ſervant, nor thy Maid-ſervant, nor thy Cattle, nor the Stranger that is within thy Gates.

For in ſix Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and reſted the ſeventh Day: Wherefore the Lord bleſſed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

§ c. xx. v. 1, &c.

V. Honour

V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long upon the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou ſhalt not kill.

VII. Thou ſhalt not commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou ſhalt not ſteal.

IX. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe Witneſs againſt thy Neighbour.

X. Thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbour's Houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Man-ſervant, nor his Maid-ſervant, nor his Ox, nor his Aſs, nor any Thing that is thy Neighbour's.

And all the People ſaw the Thundrings and Lightnings, and the Noiſe of the Trumpet, and the Mountain ſmoaking. And they ſaid unto Moſes,

Speak thou with us and we will hear: But let not God ſpeak with us, leſt we die.

And Moſes ſaid unto the People, Fear not: For God is come to prove you, and that his Fear may be before your Face, that ye ſin not.

LESSON XL.

Various Precepts.

* And the People ſtood afar off, and Moſes drew near unto the thick Darkneſs, where God was.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, thus ſhalt thou ſay unto the Children of Iſrael,

‖ He that ſmiteth his Father or his Mother, ſhall ſurely be put to Death.

And he that revileth his Father or his Mother, ſhall ſurely be put to Death.

¶ Thou ſhalt neither vex a Stranger nor oppreſs him; for ye were Strangers in the Land of Egypt.

Ye ſhall not afflict any Widow, or Fatherleſs Child.

If thou lend Money to any of my People that is poor, thou ſhalt not be unto him an Uſurer.

* v. 21, 22. ‖ c. xxi. v. 15, 17.
¶ c. xxii. v. 21, &c.

Thou

Thou ſhalt not revile the Judges, nor ſpeak evil of the Ruler of thy People.

§ Thou ſhalt not follow a Multitude to do Evil.

Thou ſhalt take no Gift; for a Gift blindeth the wiſe.

Thou ſhalt not ſeethe a Kid in his Mother's Milk.

Behold I ſend an ‡ Angel before thee to keep thee in the Way.

Beware of him, and obey his Voice; provoke him not; for my Name is in him.

But if thou ſhalt indeed obey his Voice, and do all that I ſpeak, then I will be an Enemy unto thine Enemies, and I will afflict them that afflict thee.

Ye ſhall ſerve the Lord your God, and he ſhall bleſs thy Bread and thy Water, and I will take Sickneſs away from the Midſt of thee.

† And he ſaid unto Moſes, Come up, thou and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and ſeventy of the Elders of Iſrael.

And they went up. And they ſaw the God of Iſrael: And there was under his Feet as it were a paved Work of a Saphire Stone, and as it were the Body of Heaven in his Clearneſs.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Come up to me into the Mount and be there, and I will give thee a Law and Commandments which I have written.

And Moſes went up into the Mount, and a Cloud covered the Mount.

And the Glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the Cloud covered it ſix Days; and the ſeventh Day he called unto Moſes out of the Midſt of the Cloud.

And the Sight of the Glory of the Lord was like devouring Fire. And Moſes went up into the Midſt of the Cloud.

And Moſes was in the Mount forty Days and forty Nights.

* And the Lord gave unto Moſes, Two Tables of Stone, ¶ written with the Finger of God.

§ c. xxiii. v. 2, *&c.* ‡ Christ.
† c. xxiv. v. 1, *&c.* * c. xxxi. v. 18.
¶ See here, the Original of Letters.

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LESSON XLI.

Of the Golden Calf.

* And when the People ſaw that Moſes delayed to come down out of the Mount, they ſaid unto Aaron, Make us Gods which ſhall go before us. For as for this Moſes, † we wot not what is become of him.

And they all brought their Golden Ear-rings to Aaron, and he made a molten Calf.

And they offered Burnt-offerings, and ſat down to eat and drink, and roſe up to § play.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, I have ſeen this People, and behold it is a ſtiff-necked People.

Now therefore let me alone, that my Wrath may wax hot againſt them, and that I may conſume them.

And Moſes beſought the Lord, and ſaid, Lord, wherefore ſhould the Egyptians ſay, For Miſchief did he bring them out, to ſlay them in the Mountains, and to conſume them from the Face of the Earth? Turn from thy fierce Anger, and repent of this Evil againſt thy People.

And Moſes turned and went down from the Mount, and the two Tables were in his Hand.

And the Tables were the Work of God, and the Writing upon the Tables was the Writing of God.

And it came to paſs, as ſoon as Moſes came nigh unto the Camp, that he ſaw the Calf and the Dancing. And his Anger waxed hot, and he caſt the Tables out of his Hands, and brake them beneath the Mount.

And he took the Calf and burnt it in the Fire, and ground it to Powder, and ſtrewed it upon the Water.

Then Moſes ſaid, who is on the Lord's ſide? And all the Sons of Levi gathered themſelves together unto him.

And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the Lord, Go in and out throughout the Camp, and ſlay every Man his Brother.

* c. xxxii. v. 1, *&c.* † know not

§ in Honour of the Idol.

And

And they did ſo: And there fell of the People that Day about three thouſand Men.

And on the Morrow Moſes ſaid unto the People, Ye have ſinned a great Sin. And now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I ſhall make an Atonement for your Sin.

And Moſes returned unto the Lord, and ſaid, This People have ſinned a great Sin:

Yet now, forgive their Sin: And if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of the Book which thou haſt written.

And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Whoſoever hath ſinned, him will I blot out of my Book.

And the Lord plagued the People, becauſe of the Calf which Aaron made.

LESSON XLII.

Of Moſes *talking with* God.

* And Moſes took the Tabernacle, and pitched it without the Camp. And the cloudy Pillar deſcended and ſtood at the Door of the Tabernacle; and the Lord talked with Moſes.

And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes Face to Face, as a Man ſpeaketh unto his Friend.

And he ſaid, I beſeech thee, ſhew me thy Glory.

And he ſaid, I will make all my Goodneſs to paſs before thee, and will proclaim the Name of the Lord.

And he ſaid, Thou canſt not ſee my Face: For there ſhall no Man ſee my Face and live.

And the Lord ſaid, Behold there is a Place by me, and thou ſhalt ſtand upon a Rock.

And while my Glory paſſeth by, I will put thee in a Cliſt of the Rock; and will cover thee with my Hand while I paſs by.

And I will take away my Hand, and thou ſhalt ſee my Back-parts; but my Face ſhall not be ſeen.

§ And the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, Hew thee two Tables of Stone, like unto the firſt, and come up in the Morning unto Mount Sinai.

* c. xxxiii. v. 7, *&c.*

§ c. xxxiv. v. 1, *&c.*

And

And Moſes did ſo. And the Lord deſcended in the Cloud, and proclaimed the Name of the Lord.

And the Lord paſſed by him and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord GOD, merciful and gracious, long-ſuffering, and abundant in Goodneſs and Truth;

Keeping Mercy for thouſands, forgiving Iniquity and Sin, and that will by no Means clear the Guilty. *

And Moſes made haſte, and bowed his Head toward the Earth and worſhipped.

And † he ſaid, Behold, I make a Covenant with thee and with Iſrael.

And he was there with the Lord forty Days and forty Nights: He did neither eat Bread, nor drink Water. And § he wrote upon the Tables the Words of the Covenant, the ten Commandments.

And when Moſes came down from the Mount, with the two Tables in his Hand, Aaron and all the Children of Iſrael ſaw Moſes; and behold the Skin of his Face ſhone, and they were afraid to come nigh him.

And till Moſes had done ſpeaking with them, he put a Veil on his Face.

But when Moſes went in before the Lord, he took the Veil off, until he came out. And he came out and ſpake unto the Children of Iſrael, that which he was commanded.

LESSON XLIII.

A Bleſſing and a Curſe.

And the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

‡ If ye walk in my Statutes, and keep my Commandments, and do them:

Then I will give you Rain in due Seaſon, and the Land ſhall yield her Increaſe.

And I will give Peace in the Land, and ye ſhall lie down, and none ſhall make you afraid. And I will rid evil Beaſts out of your Land, neither ſhall the Sword go through it.

* not without Repentance

† GOD. § GOD, Deut. c. x. v. 4.

‡ Leviticus, c. xxvi. v. 3, &c.

And

And I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and eſtabliſh my Covenant with you.

And I will walk among you, and will be your GOD, and ye ſhall be my People.

But if ye will not hearken unto me, if ye ſhall deſpiſe my Laws and break my Covenant:

I alſo will do this unto you; I will appoint over you Terror, Conſumption and the burning Ague, that ſhall conſume the Eyes, and cauſe Sorrow of Heart.

And I will ſet my Face againſt you, and ye ſhall be ſlain before your Enemies; they that hate you ſhall reign over you, and ye ſhall flee when none purſueth you.

And if ye will not, for all this, hearken unto me, then I will puniſh you ſeven Times more.

And I will break the Pride of your Power, and I will make your Heavens as Iron, and your Earth as Braſs.

And your Strength ſhall be ſpent in vain; for your Land ſhall not yield her Increaſe.

And if you ſtill walk contrary to Me, I will bring ſeven Times more Plagues upon you.

And I will bring a Sword upon you, that ſhall avenge the Quarrel of my Covenant; and when ye are gathered together within your Cities, I will ſend the Peſtilence among you.

And I will break the Staff of your Bread; and ye ſhall eat and not be ſatisfied.

And if ye will not, for all this, hearken unto me, I, even I, will chaſtiſe you ſeven Times for your Sins.

And ye ſhall eat the Fleſh of your Sons, and the Fleſh of your Daughters ſhall ye eat.

And I will make your Cities waſte; and bring your Sanctuaries unto Deſolation.

And I will ſcatter you among the Heathen, and will draw out a Sword after you.

And I will ſend a Faintneſs into the Hearts of them that are left alive, and the Sound of a ſhaken Leaf ſhall chaſe them.

And they ſhall fall one upon another, when none purſueth, and ye ſhall have no Power to ſtand before your Enemies.

And ye ſhall pine away in your Iniquity, and in the Iniquities of your Fathers ſhall ye pine away.

If then they ſhall confeſs their Iniquities, with their Treſpaſs which they have treſpaſſed againſt me, if then their uncircumciſed Hearts be humbled, and they accept of the Puniſhment of their Iniquity:

I will not caſt them away, neither will I deſtroy them utterly: but I will remember the Covenant of their Anceſtors; for I am the Lord their GOD.

LESSON XLIV.

Of Korah, Dathan and *Abiram.*

* Now Korah and Dathan and Abiram took Men, and roſe up before Moſes, with two hundred and fifty Princes of the Aſſembly, famous in the Congregation, Men of Renown.

And they ſaid, Ye take too much upon you, ſeeing all the Congregation are holy, every one of them. Wherefore then lift you up yourſelves above the Congregation of the Lord?

And when Moſes heard it, he fell upon his Face. And he ſaid, To-morrow the Lord will ſhew who is holy.

And Moſes ſaid unto Korah, Hear I pray you, ye Sons of Levi.

Seemeth it but a ſmall Thing unto you, that the GOD of Iſrael hath ſeparated you from the Congregation, to ſtand before the Congregation, to miniſter unto them? and ſeek ye the Prieſthood alſo?

For which Cauſe both thou and all thy Company are gathered together againſt the Lord.

And Moſes ſent to call Dathan and Abiram. But they ſaid, We will not come up.

Is it a ſmall Thing that thou haſt brought us up out of a Land that floweth with Milk and Honey, to kill us in the Wilderneſs, except thou make thyſelf altogether a Prince over us? We will not come up.

And Moſes ſaid unto Korah, Be thou and all thy Company before the Lord, thou and they and Aaron To-morrow.

* *Numbers* c. 16. v. 1, *&c.*

And bring ye before the Lord, every Man his Cenſer, two hundred and fifty Cenſers.

And † they took every Man his Cenſer, and ſtood in the Door of the Tabernacle with Moſes and Aaron.

And Korah gathered all the Congregation againſt them: and the Glory of the Lord appeared.

And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Speak unto the Congregation, ſaying, Get you up from about the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

And Moſes ſpake unto the Congregation, ſaying, Depart, I pray you, from the Tents of theſe wicked Men.

So they got up from the Tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram on every Side.

And Moſes ſaid, Hereby ye ſhall know that the Lord hath ſent me to do all theſe Works:

If theſe Men die the common Death of all Men, then the LORD hath not ſent me.

But if the LORD make a new Thing, and the Earth open her Mouth and ſwallow them up, then ye ſhall underſtand that theſe Men have provoked the Lord.

And as he made an End of ſpeaking theſe Words, the Ground clave aſunder that was under them.

And the Earth opened her Mouth and ſwallowed them up, and their Houſes and all their Goods.

They and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the Pit, and the Earth cloſed upon them, and they periſhed from among the Congregation.

And all Iſrael that were round about them, fled at the Cry of them; for they ſaid, Leſt the Earth ſwallow us up alſo.

And there came out a Fire from the Lord, and conſumed the two hundred and fifty Men that offered Incenſe.

LESSON XLV.

Of Balak *and* Balaam.

* And the Children of Iſrael pitched in the Plains of Moab, on this Side Jordan.

And Moab was ſore afraid of the People, becauſe they were many.

† *i. e.* the Prieſts. * c. 22. v. 1, &c.

And

And Moab ſaid, Now ſhall this Company lick up all that are round about us, as the Ox licketh up the Graſs of the Field. And Balak, the Son of Zippor, was King of the Moabites at that Time.

He ſent Meſſengers therefore unto Balaam the Son of Beor, ſaying, Behold there is a People come out from Egypt: behold they cover the Face of the Earth, and they abide over againſt me.

Come now therefore, curſe me this People, for they are too mighty for me; for I know that he whom thou bleſſeſt is bleſſed, and he whom thou curſeſt is curſed.

And the Elders of Moab departed and came to Balaam, and ſpake unto him the Words of Balak.

And he ſaid, Lodge here this Night, and I will bring you Word, as the Lord ſhall ſpeak unto me.

And GOD came unto Balaam and ſaid, Thou ſhalt not go with theſe Men: thou ſhalt not curſe the People; for they are bleſſed.

And Balaam roſe up in the Morning, and ſaid, The Lord refuſeth to give me Leave to go with you.

And they returned unto Balak, and ſaid, Balaam refuſeth to come with us.

And Balak ſent yet again Princes, more, and more honourable than they.

And they came to Balaam, and ſaid, Thus ſaith Balak, Let nothing hinder thee from coming unto me.

For I will promote thee unto very great Honour, and I will do whatſoever thou ſayeſt unto me.

And Balaam anſwered, If Balak would give me his Houſe full of Silver and Gold, I cannot go beyond the Word of the Lord my GOD, to do leſs or more.

Now therefore tarry ye alſo here this Night, that I may know what the Lord will ſay unto me more.

And GOD came unto Balaam at Night, and ſaid unto him, If the Men come to call thee, riſe up and go with them: but yet the Word which I ſhall ſay unto thee, that ſhalt thou do.

And Balaam * roſe up in the Morning, and ſaddled his Aſs, and went with the Princes of Moab.

And GOD's Anger was kindled, becauſe he went;

* *N. B.* Tho' they did not come to call him.

and the Angel of the Lord ſtood in the Way for an Adverſary againſt him.

And the Aſs ſaw the Angel ſtanding in the Way, and ſhe turned aſide out of the Way.

But the Angel of the Lord ſtood in a Path of the Vineyards, a Wall being on this Side, and a Wall on that Side.

And when the Aſs ſaw him, ſhe thruſt herſelf unto the Wall, and cruſhed Balaam's Foot againſt the Wall.

And the Angel of the Lord went and ſtood in a narrow Place, where there was no Way to turn, either to the Right Hand or to the Left.

And when the Aſs ſaw him, ſhe fell down under Balaam: and his Anger was kindled, and he ſmote her with a Staff.

And the Lord opened the Mouth of the Aſs, and ſhe ſaid, What have I done unto thee, that thou haſt ſmitten me?

Then the Lord opened the Eyes of Balaam, and he ſaw the Angel ſtanding in the Way, and his Sword drawn in his Hand.

And he ſaid, Behold I went out to withſtand thee, becauſe thy Way is perverſe before me.

And Balaam ſaid, I have ſinned: now therefore if it diſpleaſe thee, I will get me back again.

And the Angel of the Lord ſaid, Go with the Men: but only the Word that I ſhall ſpeak unto thee, that ſhalt thou ſpeak.

LESSON XLVI.

Balaam's *Prophecies.*

And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him.

* And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Whatſoever the Lord ſheweth me, I will tell thee.

And the Lord put a Word in Balaam's Mouth, and he ſaid, Balak hath brought me out of the Mountains of the Eaſt, ſaying, Come, curſe me Jacob; and come, defy Iſrael.

* c. 23. v. 3, &c.

How

How ſhall I curſe whom GOD hath not curſed? Or how ſhall I defy whom the Lord hath not defied?

Let me die the Death of the Righteous, and let my laſt End be like his.

GOD is not a Man, that he ſhould lie, neither the Son of Man, that he ſhould repent. Hath he ſaid, and ſhall he not do it? Or hath he ſpoken, and ſhall he not make it good?

Behold, I have received Commandment to bleſs; and he hath bleſſed, and I cannot reverſe it.

He hath not beheld Iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he ſeen Perverſeneſs in Iſrael: the Lord his GOD is with him, and the Shout of a King is among them.

Surely there is no Inchantment againſt Jacob, neither is there any Divination againſt Iſrael.

* And Balaam lift up his Eyes, and ſaw Iſrael in his Tents, and the Spirit of GOD came upon him.

And he ſaid, How goodly are thy Tents, O Jacob, and thy Tabernacles, O Iſrael?

Bleſſed is he that bleſſeth thee, and curſed is he that curſeth thee.

And Balak's Anger was kindled againſt Balaam, and he ſmote his Hands together. And he ſaid, I called thee to curſe mine Enemies, and behold thou haſt altogether bleſſed them.

Therefore now flee thou to thy Place. I thought to promote thee unto great Honour; but lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from Honour.

And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Spake I not alſo to thy Meſſengers, ſaying,

If Balak would give me his Houſe full of Silver and Gold, I cannot go beyond the Commandment of the Lord?

And now behold, I go unto my People: Come therefore and I will advertiſe thee what ſhall be in the latter Days.

I ſhall ſee him, but not now: I ſhall behold him, but not nigh. There ſhall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter ſhall riſe out of Iſrael, and ſhall ſmite the Corners of Moab, and deſtroy all the Children of Sheth.

* c. 24. v. 2, &c.

LESSON XLVII.

An Exhortation to Obedience.

† Theſe be the Words which Moſes ſpake unto all Iſrael on this Side Jordan, in the Wilderneſs.

* Ye ſhall not add unto the Word which I command you, neither ſhall ye diminiſh ought from it.

Behold I have taught you Statutes and Judgments, even as the Lord my GOD commanded me.

Keep therefore and do them, for this is your Wiſdom, and your Underſtanding in the Sight of the Nations, which ſhall hear all theſe Statutes and ſay, Surely this is a wiſe and underſtanding People.

For what Nation is there ſo great, who hath GOD ſo nigh unto them as the Lord our GOD is in all Things that we call upon him for?

And what Nation is there that hath Statutes and Judgments ſo righteous, as all this Law which I ſet before you this Day?

Only take Heed to thyſelf, and keep thy Soul diligently, leſt thou forget the Things which thine Eyes have ſeen; and leſt they depart from thy Heart, all the Days of thy Life.

Furthermore, the Lord was angry with me for your Sakes, and ſware that I ſhould not go in unto that good Land.

But ye ſhall poſſeſs it. Take Heed unto yourſelves, leſt ye forget the Covenant of the Lord your GOD.

For the Lord thy GOD is a conſuming Fire, even a jealous GOD.

If thou doſt Evil, in the Sight of the Lord thy GOD, to provoke him to Anger,

I call Heaven and Earth to witneſs againſt you this Day, that ye ſhall ſoon utterly periſh.

But if then thou ſeek the Lord, thou ſhalt find him, if thou ſeek him with all thy Heart.

When thou art in Tribulation, if thou turn to the Lord thy GOD, and art obedient to his Voice;

(For the Lord thy GOD is a merciful GOD) he will not forſake thee, neither deſtroy thee.

† *Deutronomy*, c. 1. v. 1. * c. 4. v. 2, *&c.*

Know

Know thou, that the Lord he is GOD; there is none elſe beſides him.

Out of Heaven he made thee to hear his Voice, that he might inſtruct thee: and upon Earth he ſhewed thee his great Fire, and thou heardeſt his Words out of the Midſt of the Fire.

Know therefore this Day, and conſider it in thine Heart, that the Lord he is GOD in Heaven above and upon the Earth beneath: there is none elſe.

Thou ſhalt keep therefore his Statutes and his Commandments which I command thee this Day; that it may go well with thee, and that thou mayeſt prolong thy Days, which the Lord thy GOD giveth thee, for ever.

LESSON XLVIII.

* Hear, O Iſrael, the Lord our GOD is one Lord.

And thou ſhalt love the Lord thy GOD with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Might.

And theſe Words which I command thee this Day ſhall be in thine Heart:

And thou ſhalt talk of them when thou ſitteſt in thine Houſe, and when thou walkeſt by the Way, and when thou lieſt down, and when thou riſeſt up.

You ſhall diligently keep the Commandments of the Lord your GOD, and his Teſtimonies, and his Statutes.

The Lord commanded us to do all theſe Statutes, for our Good always, that he might preſerve us alive, as it is at this Day.

And it ſhall be our Righteouſneſs, if we obſerve to do all theſe Commandments, before the Lord our GOD.

‡ Thou art an holy People unto the Lord thy GOD; who hath choſen thee to be a ſpecial People unto himſelf.

The Lord did not ſet his Love upon you, nor choſe you, becauſe ye were more in Number than any People (for ye were the feweſt of all People.)

But becauſe he loved you, hath he brought you out with a mighty Hand, and redeemed you out of the Houſe of Bondmen.

* c. 6. v. 4. ‡ c. 7. v. 6, &c.

Know

Know therefore, that the Lord thy GOD, he is GOD, that faithful GOD, which keepeth Covenant and Mercy with them that love him and keep his Commandments, to a thouſand Generations.

And repayeth them that hate him to their Face to deſtroy them: he will not be ſlack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his Face.

Wherefore, if ye hearken to theſe Judgments and keep and do them, the Lord ſhall keep unto thee the Covenant which he ſware unto thy Fathers.

And he will love thee, and bleſs thee, and multiply thee in the Land which he ſware unto thy Fathers.

And the Lord will take away from thee all Sickneſs, and thou ſhall be bleſſed above all People.

LESSON XLIX.

* All the Commandments which I command thee this Day, ſhall ye obſerve to do, that ye may live.

And thou ſhalt remember all the Way which the Lord led thee theſe forty Years in the Wilderneſs, to humble thee and to prove thee, to know what was in thine Heart, whether thou wouldſt keep his Commandments or no.

And he humbled thee, and ſuffered thee to hunger and fed thee with Manna, (which thou kneweſt not, neither did thy Fathers know) that he might make thee know, Man doth not live by Bread only, but by ‡ every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of the Lord.

Thy Raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy Foot ſwell theſe forty Years.

Thou ſhalt alſo conſider in thine Heart, that as a Man chaſteneth his Son, So the LORD chaſteneth thee.

Therefore thou ſhalt keep the Commandments of the LORD, to walk in his Ways and to fear him.

For the LORD thy GOD bringeth thee into a good Land, wherein thou ſhalt eat Bread without Scarceneſs.

* c. 8. v. 1.

‡ by whatever GOD commands to ſuſtain Life.

When

When thou haſt eaten and art full, then thou ſhalt bleſs the Lord thy GOD.

Beware, leſt when thou haſt eaten and art full, and when thy Silver and thy Gold is multiplied:

Then thine Heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy GOD, who brought thee forth out of the Land of Egypt:

Who led thee thro' that great and terrible Wilderneſs, wherein were fiery Serpents and Scorpions, and Drought, where there was no Water; who brought thee forth Water out of the Rock of Flint;

(That he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee to do thee Good at thy latter end)

And thou ſay in thine Heart, my Power and the Might of my Hand hath gotten me this Wealth:

But thou ſhalt remember the Lord thy GOD, for it is he that giveth thee Power to get Wealth.

And if thou do forget the Lord thy GOD, I teſtify againſt you this Day, that ye ſhall ſurely periſh.

As the Nations which the Lord deſtroyeth before your Face, ſo ſhall ye periſh; becauſe ye would not be obedient unto the Voice of the Lord your GOD.

LESSON L.

† Speak not thou in thine Heart, after the Lord hath caſt out the Nations from before thee, ſaying, For my Righteouſneſs the Lord brought me in to poſſeſs this Land.

Not for thy Righteouſneſs, or for the Uprightneſs of thine Heart, doſt thou go to poſſeſs their Land: but for the Wickedneſs of theſe Nations doth the Lord drive them out, and to perform the Word which he ſware unto thy Fathers.

Underſtand therefore, that the Lord giveth thee not the Land for thy Righteouſneſs; for thou art a ſtiff-necked People.

Remember how thou provokedſt the Lord thy GOD to Wrath in the Wilderneſs; from the Day that thou didſt depart out of the Land of Egypt, until ye came

† c. 9. v. 4, &c.

unto

unto this Place, ye have been rebellious againſt the Lord.

Alſo in Horeb ye provoked the Lord to Wrath, and made you a molten Calf.

And the Lord was very angry with Aaron, to have deſtroyed him; and I prayed for Aaron at the ſame Time.

‖ And now, Iſrael, what doth the Lord thy GOD require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy GOD, to walk in all his Ways, and to love him, and to ſerve him, with all thy Heart and with all thy Soul:

To keep the Commandments of the Lord, which I command thee this Day for thy Good?

Behold the Heaven and the Heaven of Heavens is the Lord's thy GOD, the Earth alſo with all that therein is.

Only the Lord had a Delight in thy Fathers, and he choſe their Seed after them.

Circumciſe therefore your Heart, and be no more ſtiff-necked.

For the Lord your GOD, is GOD of Gods and Lord of Lords, a great GOD, a mighty and a terrible, which regardeth not Perſons, nor taketh Reward.

He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherleſs and Widow, and loveth the Stranger, in giving him Food and Raiment.

Thou ſhalt fear the Lord thy GOD; him ſhalt thou ſerve, and to him ſhalt thou cleave.

He is thy Praiſe and he is thy GOD, that hath done for thee theſe great and terrible Things, which thine Eyes have ſeen.

Thy Fathers went down into Egypt, with threeſcore and ten Perſons: and now the Lord thy GOD hath made thee as the Stars of Heaven for Multitude.

LESSON LI.

§ Therefore thou ſhalt love the Lord thy GOD, and keep his Commandments alway:

That ye may prolong your Days in the Land which

‖ C. 10. v. 12, &c. § C. 11. v. 1, &c.

your

your Lord ſware unto your Fathers, a Land that floweth with Milk and Honey:

A Land which the Lord careth for: the Eyes of the Lord are always upon it, from the beginning of the Year, even unto the End of the Year.

And if you ſhall hearken diligently unto my Commandments, to love the Lord your GOD, and to ſerve him with all your Heart and with all your Soul:

I will give you the Rain of your Land in due Seaſon, and I will ſend Graſs in thy Fields:

And there ſhall no Man be able to ſtand before you, for the Lord ſhall lay the Dread of you upon all the Land that ye ſhall tread upon.

Behold I ſet before you this Day a Bleſſing and a Curſe: A Bleſſing, if ye obey the Commandments of the Lord: And a Curſe, if ye turn aſide out of the Way which I command you this Day.

‡ The Lord thy GOD will raiſe up unto thee a Prophet † from the midſt of thee, of thy Brethren, like unto me, unto him ſhall ye hearken.

And it ſhall come to paſs, that whoſoever will not hearken unto the Words which he ſhall ſpeak, the Lord will require it of him.

* And if thou ſhalt hearken diligently unto the Voice of the Lord thy GOD:

The Lord ſhall command a Bleſſing upon thee in all that thou ſetteſt thine Hand unto.

And all the People of the Earth ſhall ſee that thou art called by the Name of the Lord, and ſhall be afraid of thee.

But if thou wilt not hearken unto the Voice of the Lord thy GOD, the Lord ſhall ſend upon thee Curſing, Vexation and Rebuke, in all that thou ſetteſt thy Hand unto, becauſe of the Wickedneſs of thy Doings.

And thou ſhalt become an Aſtoniſhment and a By-word, among all Nations whither the Lord ſhall lead thee.

‡ c. 18. v. 15, 19. † that is, CHRIST.
* c. 28. v. 1, *&c.*

If

If thou wilt not obſerve to do all the Words of this Law, and to fear this glorious and fearful Name, the Lord thy GOD;

Then the Lord will make thy Plagues wonderful, and will bring upon thee all the Diſeaſes of Egypt; and every Sickneſs and every Plague, which is not written in this Book.

And it ſhall come to paſs, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you Good, and to multiply you, ſo the Lord will rejoice over you, to deſtroy you, and to bring you to nought.

And the Lord ſhall ſcatter thee among all People from the one End of the Earth even unto the other.

And among the Nations thou ſhalt find no Eaſe, neither ſhall the Sole of thy Foot have Reſt; but the Lord ſhall give thee there a trembling Heart, and Failing of Eyes, and Sorrow of Mind.

And thy Life ſhall hang in Doubt before thee, and thou ſhalt fear Day and Night, and ſhalt have none Aſſurance of thy Life.

In the Morning thou ſhalt ſay, Would GOD it were Even: and at Even thou ſhalt ſay, Would GOD it were Morning! For the Fear of thine Heart, wherewith thou ſhalt fear, and for the Sight of thine Eyes which thou ſhalt ſee.

‡ The ſecret Things belong unto the Lord our GOD: but thoſe Things which are revealed belong unto us, and to our Children for ever, that we may do all the Words of this Law.

LESSON LII.

† And it ſhall come to paſs, when all theſe Things are come upon thee, the Bleſſing and the Curſe which I have ſet before thee, and thou ſhalt call them to Mind among all the Nations whither I have driven thee,

And ſhalt return unto the Lord thy GOD, and ſhalt obey his Voice, with all thy Heart and with all thy Soul:

That then I will turn thy Captivity, and have Com-

‡ c. 20. v. 29. † c. 30. v. 1, &c.

paſſion

paſſion upon thee, and gather thee from all the Nations whither I had ſcattered thee.

And the Lord thy GOD will do thee Good, and will multiply thee above thy Fathers.

And I will circumciſe thy Heart, and the Heart of thy Children, to love the Lord thy GOD with all thy Heart, that thou mayeſt live.

And I will make thee plenteous in every Work of thine Hand, in the Fruit of thy Cattle, and in the Fruit of thy Land, for Good.

For the Lord will again rejoice over thee for Good, if thou turn unto him with all thy Heart.

For this Commandment which I command thee this Day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

It is not in Heaven, that thou ſhouldſt ſay, Who ſhall go up for us to Heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it?

Neither is it beyond the Sea, that thou ſhouldſt ſay, Who ſhall go over the Sea for it, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it?

But the Word is very nigh unto thee, in thy Mouth and in thy Heart, that thou mayſt do it.

See, I have ſet before thee this Day, Life and Good, and Death and Evil:

In that I command thee this Day, to love the Lord thy GOD, to walk in his Ways, and to keep his Commandments, that thou mayſt live.

But if thine Heart turn away, ſo that thou wilt not hear, I denounce unto you this Day, that ye ſhall ſurely periſh.

I call Heaven and Earth to record this Day againſt you, that I have ſet before you, Life and Death, Bleſſing and Curſing; therefore chooſe Life, that thou mayſt live.

That thou mayſt love the Lord thy GOD, and obey his Voice, and that thou mayſt cleave unto him, (for he is thy Life and the Length of thy Days) that thou mayſt dwell in the Land which the Lord ſware unto thy Fathers.

* And Moſes ſpake unto all Iſrael, and ſaid unto

* c. 31. v. 1, &c.

G... them, ...

them, I am an hundred and twenty Years old this Day: I can no more go out and come in; but the Lord thy GOD he will go before thee.

Be ſtrong and of a good Courage; fear not, nor be afraid. For the Lord thy GOD, he it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee nor forſake thee.

LESSON LIII.

The Song of Moſes.

* Give Ear, O ye Heavens, and I will ſpeak; and hear, O Earth, the Words of my Mouth.

My Doctrine ſhall drop as the Rain; my Speech ſhall diſtill as the Dew, as the ſmall Rain upon the tender Herb, and as the Showers upon the Graſs;

Becauſe I will publiſh the Name of the Lord; aſcribe ye Greatneſs unto our GOD.

He is the Rock: his Work is perfect: for all his Ways are Judgment: a GOD of Truth and without Iniquity, juſt and right is he.

Remember the Days of old; aſk thy Elders, and they will tell thee.

When the moſt High divided to the Nations their Inheritance, when he ſeparated the Sons of Adam, he ſet the Bounds of the People, according to the Number of the Children of Iſrael.

For the Lord's Portion is his People: Jacob is the Lot of his Inheritance.

GOD found him in a deſert Land, in the waſte howling Wilderneſs: he led him about, he inſtructed him; he kept him as the Apple of his Eye.

As an Eagle ſtirreth up her Neſt, fluttereth over her Young, ſpreadeth abroad her Wings; taketh them, beareth them on her Wings:

So the Lord made him ride on the high Places of the Earth, that he might eat the Increaſe of the Fields.

But he forſook GOD which made him, and lightly eſteemed the Rock of his Salvation.

When the Lord ſaw it he ſaid, They are a froward Generation, Children in whom is no Faith.

* c. 32. v. 1, &c.

They

They have moved me to Jealouſy with that which is not GOD, they have provoked me to Anger with their Vanities.

A Fire is kindled in my Anger, and ſhall burn unto the loweſt Hell, and ſhall conſume the Earth with her Increaſe, and ſet on Fire the Foundations of the Mountains.

They are a Nation void of Counſel, neither is there any Underſtanding in them.

O that they were wiſe, that they underſtood this! that they would conſider their latter End!

How ſhould one chaſe a thouſand, and two put ten thouſand to Flight, except their Rock had ſold them, and the Lord had ſhut them up?

For their Rock is not as our Rock; even our Enemies themſelves being Judges.

See now, that I, even I, am He, and there is no GOD beſide me. I kill and I make alive. I wound and I heal. Neither is there any that can deliver out of my Hand:

For I lift up my Hand to Heaven, and ſay, I live for ever.

If I whet my glittering Sword, and my Hand take Hold on Judgment, I will render Vengeance to mine Enmies, and will reward them that hate me.

Rejoice, O ye Nations, with his People; for he will avenge the Blood of his Servants, and will render Vengeance to his Adverſaries, and will be merciful unto his Land, and to his People.

LESSON LIV.

The laſt Words and the Death of Moſes.

* And this is the Bleſſing wherewith Moſes the Man of GOD, bleſſed the Children of Iſrael before his Death.

And he ſaid, The Lord came from Sinai, he ſhined forth from Mount Paran; and he came with ten thouſands of ‡ Saints; from his right Hand went a fiery Law.

Let Reuben live and not die; let not his Men be few.

* c. 33. v. 1, *&c.* ‡ Holy Angels.

Hear,

Hear, Lord, the Voice of Judah, and be thou an Help to him from his Enemies.

Bleſs, Lord, the Subſtance of Levi, and accept the Work of his Hands.

And of Joſeph he ſaid, Bleſſed of the Lord be his Land, through the Good-will of * him that dwelt in the Buſh: Let thy Bleſſing come upon the Head of him that was ſeparated from his Brethren.

And of Aſher he ſaid, As thy Days, ſo ſhall thy Strength be.

There is none like unto the God of § Jeſhurun, who rideth upon the Heaven in thy Help, and in his Excellency upon the Sky.

The Eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the everlaſting Arms; and he ſhall thruſt out the Enemy from before thee, and ſhall ſay, Deſtroy them.

Iſrael then ſhall dwell in Safety alone; and his Heavens ſhall drop down Dew.

Happy art thou, O Iſrael. Who is like unto thee, O People ſaved by the Lord? Who is the Shield of thy Help, and the Sword of thy Excellency?

And Moſes went up unto the Mountain of Nebo, to the Top of Piſgah, and the Lord ſhewed him all the Land.

And the Lord ſaid unto him, This is the Land which I ſware unto Abraham to give it. I have cauſed thee to ſee it, but thou ſhalt not go over thither.

So Moſes, the Servant of the Lord, died there, according to the Word of the Lord.

And he buried him in a Valley; but no Man knoweth of his Sepulchre unto this Day.

And Moſes was an hundred and twenty Years old when he died; his Eye was not dim, nor his natural Force abated.

And there aroſe not a Prophet ſince in Iſrael like unto Moſes, whom the Lord knew Face to Face:

In all the Signs and Wonders which the Lord ſent him to do, to Pharaoh and to all his Servants;

And in all that mighty Hand, and in all the great Terror which Moſes ſhewed in the Sight of all Iſrael.

* *i.e.* Christ. § Iſrael.

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